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Oldenburg Academy is a Catholic college preparatory school based on the Franciscan tradition of quality Christian education. The Academy is committed to the development of Christian values, academic excellence, social responsibility, personal growth and leadership.

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dedication

Oldenburg Academy suffered an incredible loss with the sudden death of Laverne Fasbinder on September 18, 1999. Mrs. Fasbinder graduated in 1965 from the Academy and came to work here on the housekeeping staff in 1979. She has three children, Paul Jr., Tina, and Dan, and one grandchild, Ryan.

In supervising our student work-study programs Laverne came to know and care for many Academy students, teaching them to meet her high standards and work ethic. She was a friend and helper to us all. We will remember her care and concern for others and the tenacity with which she took on the challenges presented her in life. For all these reasons we dedicate the 1999-2000 edition of Concept to her.

We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly; in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories; your love is still our guide. And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

Laverne Fasbinder 1947-1999

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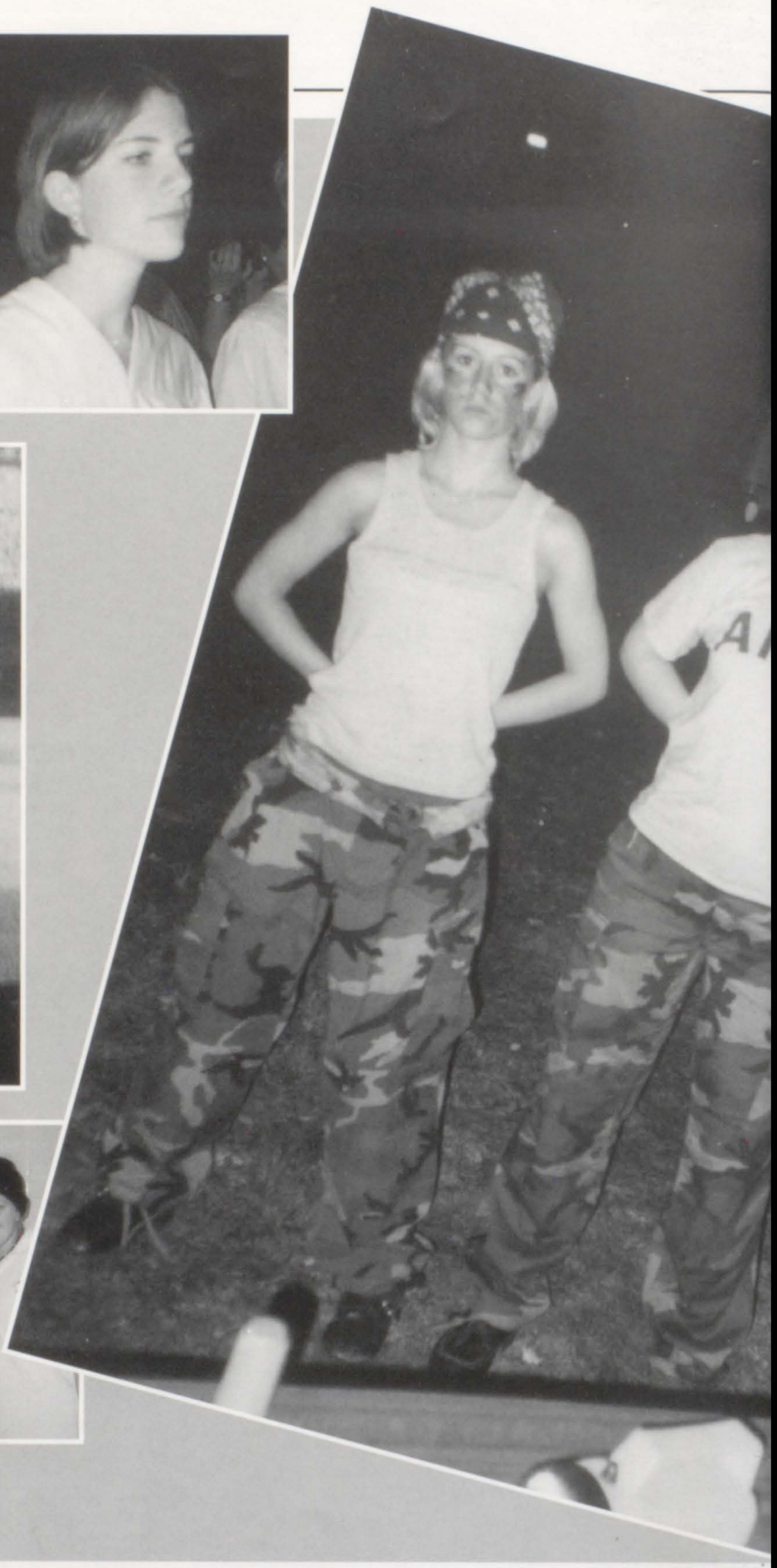
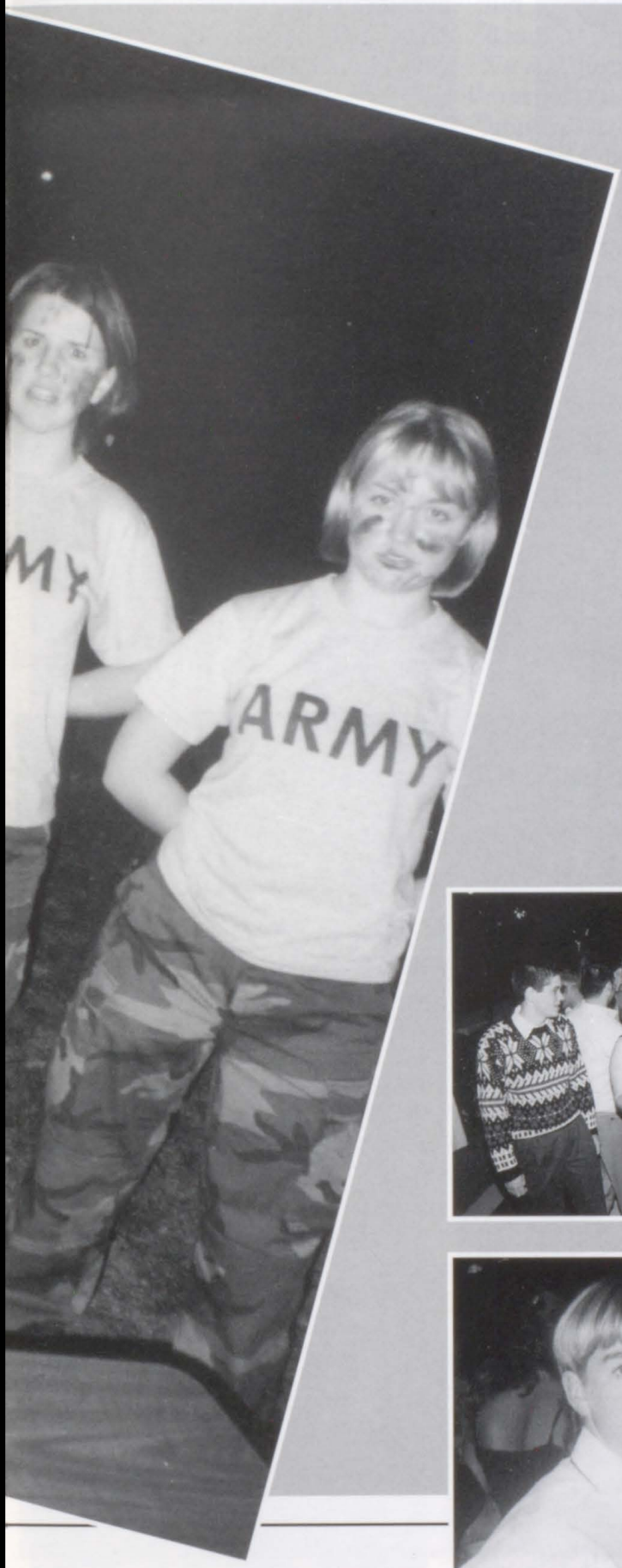




Events

where were you?

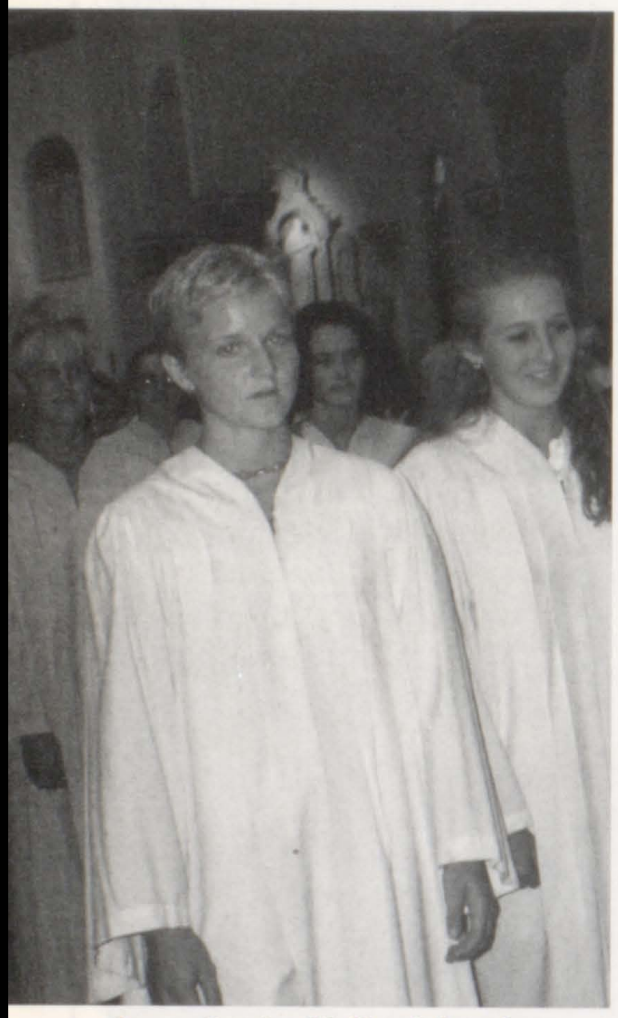
Senior Mass

You go through your high school career wishing you could skip all the rest and just be a senior. And when the days comes that you realize you are a senior, it seems like a dream. Senior mass was the first time the seniors actually felt like seniors. It was a preview of graduation day. As the seniors walked down the church isle in their gowns, pride and happiness was felt in the glow from their faces. They have almost made it through high school, but more challenges await them. Memories of friends, good times, and the late night cramming will never leave them- no matter where the future may lead them.

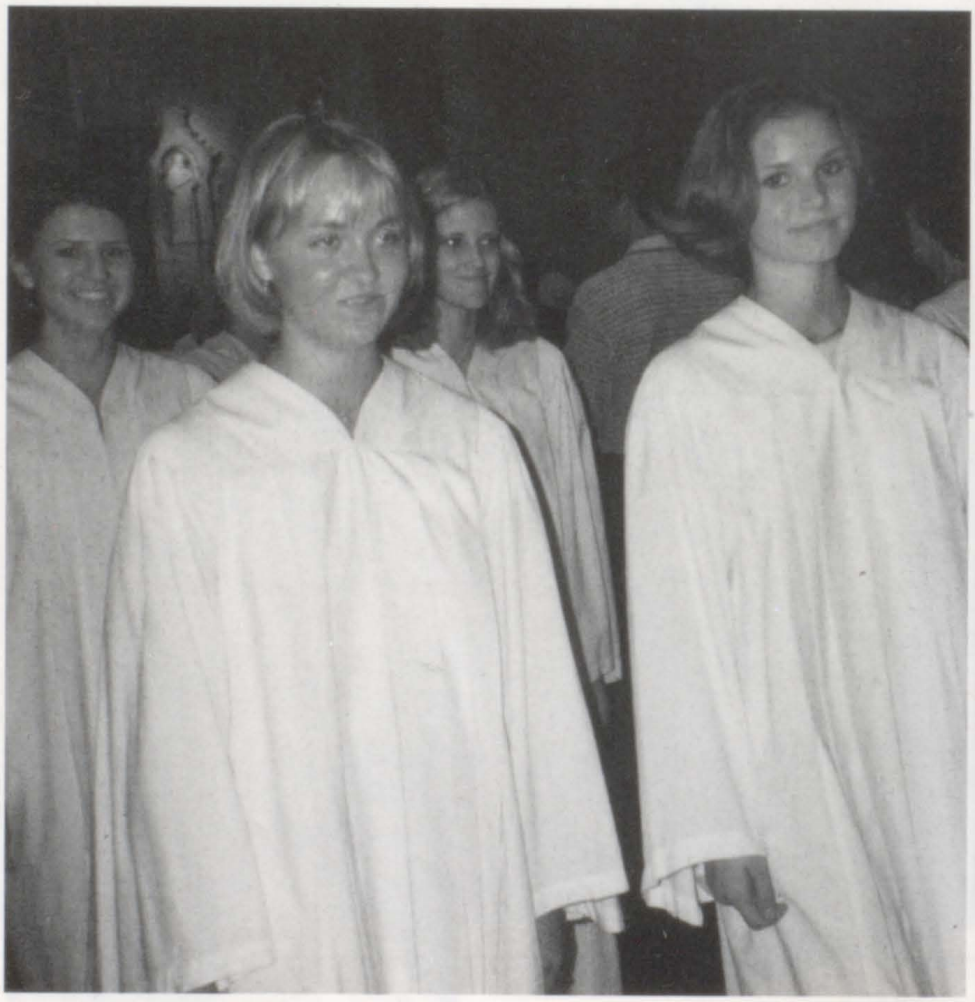
> "As we put on our gowns in the hot sun we realized we had made it to senior year and that our gradustion wasn't very far away."
> Sara Hagedorn, Senior

above: The recession led by Colleen McCullough.

left: Sarah Amrhein looks impatient as she walks in.



above: Jessica Holland dread going outside because of the heat, while Lindsay Back grins at a familiar face.



right: Look at these smiling faces!

Junior Induction

As freshemen and sophomores one often admires the upperclassmen and wonder how to be a distinctive leader. Sooner or later you realize that the saying, "With age comes wisdom," is true and that being inducted as a junior will take a lot more hard work than expected.

Now the juniors along with the seniors are in the position of being the role model for the freshmen and sophomores. This induction is just the beginning; the juniors will show the school what they are made of.

Senior class officers leading the procession.

above left: The juniors anxiously await to be pinned as upperclasswomen.

above: Amanda Roehm pins her junior, Jessica Gehring.

above: The juniors are all smiles after the ceremony.

left: Wow! I'd say Clare Wukusick has got an awesome senior. Look at the balloons!

"Junior Induction was a great experience. I'm glad I was able to be a part of it!"
Jenny Miller, Junior

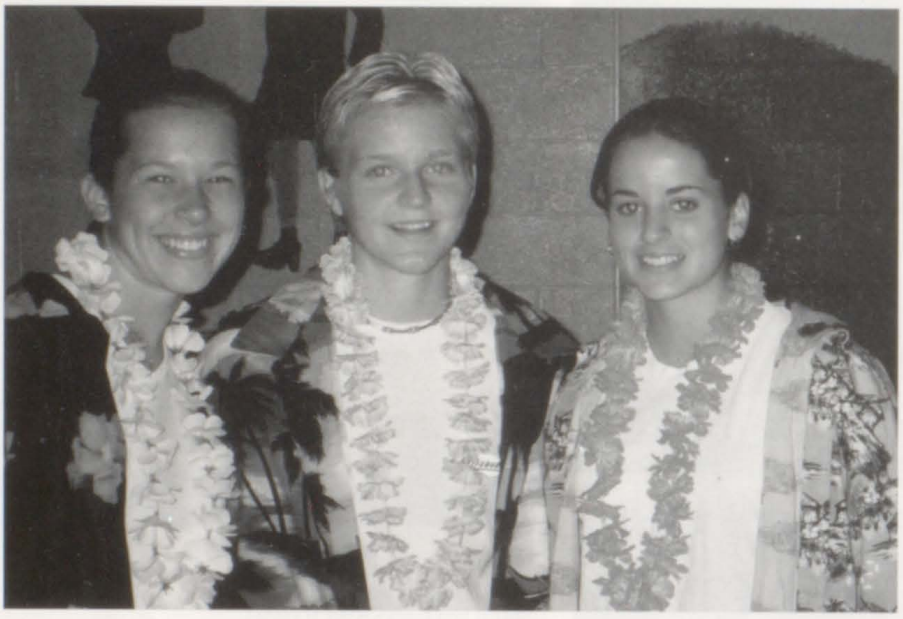
Freshmen Initiation

Freshmen Initiation this year was a memorable experience. Both the Seniors and the Freshmen enjoyed the activities (even if the Freshmen won't admit it). One Freshmen, who will remain nameless, wanted to know why she didn't get to wear a diaper because it was "really cool". We had a whole variety of characters ranging from all four Teletubbies, an old Oldenburg Academy student, disco mamas, babies, and many more.

Also, this year the Seniors and Freshmen had a luncheon together in the gym to get to know one another. After everyone introduced themselves there was a rousing game of Red Rover, in which there was no clear winner, but a good time was had by all. The game ended abruptly when, unforseen by anyone, someone got hurt.

The Seniors hope that the Freshmen will remember how much fun was had and that they will try to make their future freshmen feel very welcome.

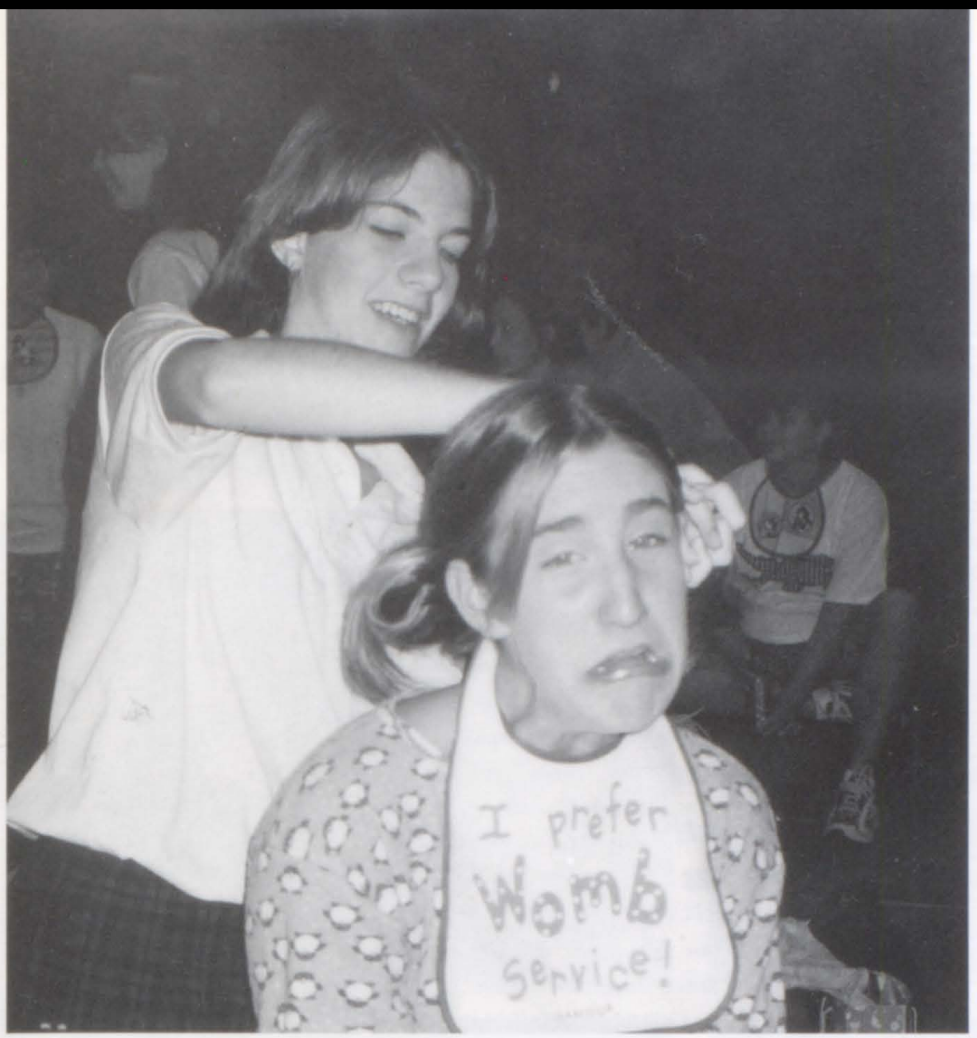
Krystle Kraus, Olivia Purdy, Katie Cloppert, and Katy Geisen having fun playing Red Rover at the Senior/ Freshmen lunch party.



Aloha! From Rachel Bontrager, Jessica Holland, and Lauren Fahringer.

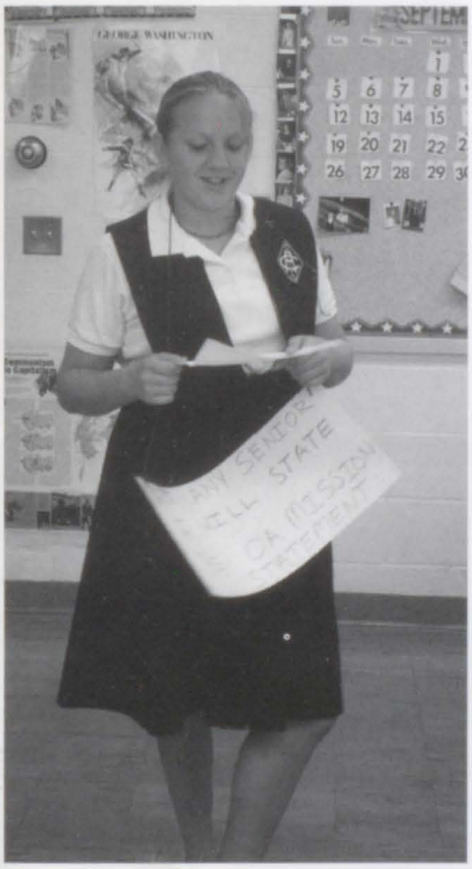
Look at those BIG smiles! Who says Freshmen Initiation isn't fun? Missy Schmidt and Lauren Fahringer look like they are having a blast dressed in those getups.

"Our Seniors are the best!" say Krystle Kraus, Katie Hotel, and Katie Flaspohler, and they look like they actually mean it!



Somebody get this girl a pacifier! Kira Stegman helps Missy Schmidt get prepared for "Baby Day." Nice bib, too.

Look at this groovy duo! Mary Lamping and Stephanie Kohlsdorf are styling on "Flashback Day."



Whoa, look at that enjoyment in Krystle Kraus' face as she reads Oldenburg Academy's mission statement on "Anything Day."

Seniors rock! Julie McIntire, Carrie Hoppins, Megan Becker, and Ashley Schuerman won't forget.

STUCO Activities

"We may not have it all together, but together we have it all."

Student Council this year was busy!

Our STUCO officers started out the year by introducing the theme for the year. Our theme works well for STUCO because we have shown this year that we can accomplish a lot by everyone working together.

Our first job this year was to have a fund raiser. We sold LaRosa's Peelers and this went very well.

The next big job that Student Council took on was the winter coat drive. We put boxes around the Oldenburg and Batesville area and got a tremendous response! Many hours were put in by many people in sorting and packing the coats, hats, scarves, and gloves donated.

STUCO also took on the fun task of planning Semi. This exciting evening was held, as usual, at the Knights of Columbus in Harrison, Ohio. The music was great, the decorations were good, but the best part was being there with friends (and maybe one's date).

The most controversial subject tackled by STUCO didn't even affect anyone not in STUCO. You may have heard of the fierce debate on what the STUCO shirts would look like? Well, as you may have noticed the "let's have our shirts look normal" won.

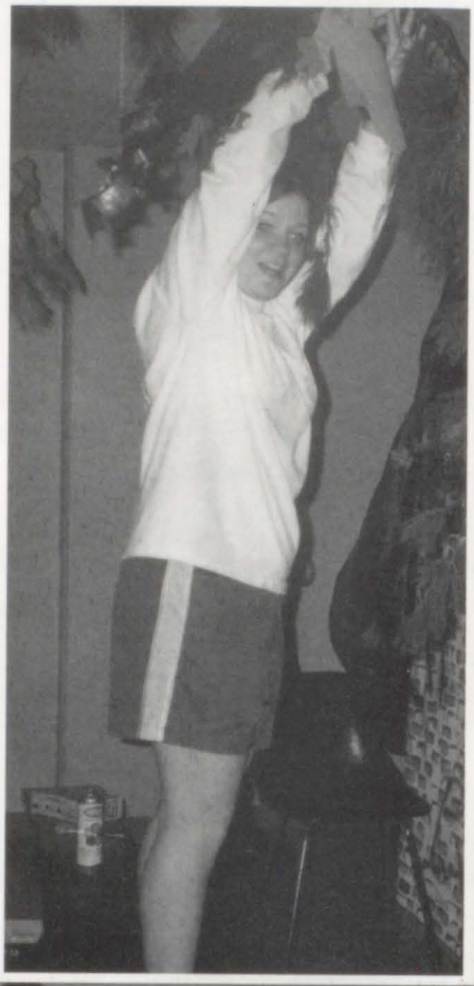
Before the year was over, Student Council decided to help out the community once again. We sold dress out days to help children at Riley Hospital, and all money raised through the sale of these dress out days was matched dollar-for-dollar by STUCO.

Being on STUCO was great!

And last but not least, STUCO held the annual Father/Daughter Dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Batesville. Many comments were made regarding how nice everyone looked, how good the food was, and that the music was fun.

All in all STUCO this year was a blast. Maybe next year will be even better (if that is possible)!

Adrienne Maple works to make the Haunted House really creepy.

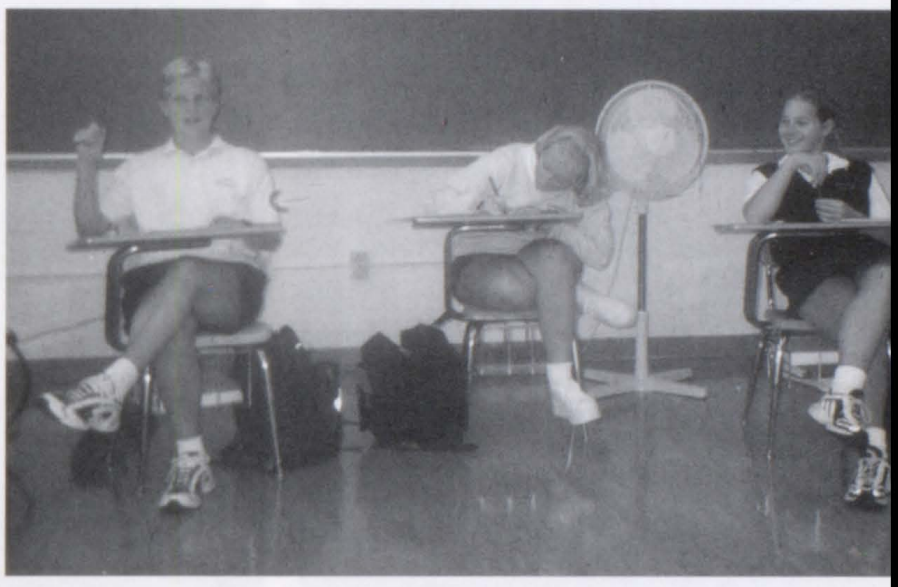


Emily Honnert, STUCO President, shows how to keep order in a meeting.

Sr. Mary Ellen's parents enjoyed the Father/Daughter Dance also.

These people know how to have a good time at the Father/Daughter Dance.

These Sophomores really had fun at their first Semi.



above: Jessica Holland, Sandy Gerster, and Sara Hagedorn preside over another STUCO meeting.

left: As always the Freshmen part of the Haunted House was the most creative (and smelly)!

above left: The Sophomores work to make the Haunted House fun with "Disco Inferno".

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

This year Oldenburg Academy took on the task of performing "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" by C.S. Lewis. Mr. Stegman led an enormous cast and crew. The cast consisted not only of humans, but also a witch, elves, a dwarf, a unicorn, a faun, and many other animals- real and imaginary.

"I thought that the costumes were really nice and the lighting was very impressive."
Monica Cole,
Sophomore

Many hard hours were put in on make-up, costumes, and memorizing lines. People of all ages enjoyed the humorous lines along with the drama. The cast put in a lot of hard work and was rewarded with a very successful play.

Stephanie Lloyd as the Lion is tied up as the play comes to a climax.

Mr. Beaver (Hannah Gruber) and Mrs. Beaver (Meg Matthews) are pleasantly excited at the sight of Father Christmas (Sabine Arndt).

The White Witch (Devon Rosenberger) decides what to do with the boy (Kira Stegman) she has captured.

Mr. Tumnis (Shana Stegman) ponders over what to do to help the children.

The children have dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Beaver while they work out a plan.

left: The tension mounts toward the finale.

All the children are crowned king or queen by the Lion.

"My favorite character was the faun. I think that Shana Stegman did a good job playing the part."
Jenna McIntire

The other children finally believe Lucy (Emily Brackmann) when she brings them to the forest.

SPIRIT WEEK

SPIRIT WEEK IS HELD TWICE A YEAR BY STUDENT COUNCIL TO PROMOTE SCHOOL SPIRIT. EVERY DAY HAS A THEME WHICH THE STUDENTS (AND SOMETIMES FACULTY) DRESS UP OR DRESS OUT FOR. THIS YEAR WE HELD HAWAIIAN DAY, HAT DAY, CRAZY HAIR DAY, CAMOFLAGE DAY, AND BLUE AND WHITE DAY. THE SECOND SPIRIT WEEK IS FINISHED WITH A TALENT SHOW ON FRIDAY.

top right: Whoa! Look at those coconuts!

above: Beth Neukam and Cori Beiersdorfer go all out for crazy hair day.

middle right: Claire Cradler, Lauren Bush, Clare Wukusick, Andrea Batta, and Jessica Gehring show of their crazy hair.

right: Freshmen do their interpretation of 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?'

Stephanie Lloyd sings a song from 'Swing Kids' for the Talent Show while Tamara Light and Emily Brackmann dance.

Kelly Komoutsos shows off her vocal talent.

Michelle Frazer, Sara Hagedorn, Katie Cloppert, Gina Hagedorn, and Cori Beiersdorfer show off their Hawaiian garb.

"Imagine"

Semi '99

Oh, the memories we'll cherish from Semi! Sophomores got their first taste of a high school dance, and most of the Senoirs enjoyed a girls' night out. Semi was held at the Harrison Knights of Columbus Hall for the second year in a row, and everyone on the dancefloor was jammin'. Between the "YMCA", "Stayin' Alive", and the Train, almost everyone got into the spirit. Many couples shared special moments dancing to some of the more romantic songs like "Wind Beneath My Wings" and the theme song "Imagine". All in all, everyone had a great night.

above: Queen Kira Stegman is all smiles as she gets a crown, flowers, and her sash.

below: Freshman class officers Abby Alford, Stephanie Kohlsdorf, Cassie Effing, and Lisa Wettrick get last minute instructions before the crowd gets thirsty.

below: Sandy Gerster, Sarah Huffmeyer, and Amanda Roehm smile for the camera as they take a break from the action.

far below: These Seniors got all glammed up even though they went stag. Who needs a date to have a good time?

Princess Sabine Arndt and her handsome prince enjoyed all the royalties of being on court.

Andrea Reeves, Katherine Shields, Kate Weiler, and Kelly Nickell looking their best for their dates.

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

right: Amanda Roehm, Sara Hagedorn, and Jessica McIntire shake their "groove thangs"!

THE ANNUAL FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE WAS HELD AT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL ON MARCH 4, 2000. A WONDERFUL DINNER WAS SERVED FOR ALL THE GIRLS AND THEIR FATHERS TO FUEL UP FOR A FULL NIGHT OF WILD DANCING.

OLD AND NEW MUSIC WAS PLAYED FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY. THIS WAS ONE CRAZY NIGHT!

top: Kerri Schantz and her dad dance the night away.

right: We give this dance six thumbs up!

right: Mr. McIntire has three beautiful girls with which to dance!

far right: Leslie Tharp, Abby Alford, and their dads smile for the camera.

far above: Angie Broering and her dad really know how to have fun.

above left: What a cute bunch!

above: Regina and Mr. Yane dance to the music.

left: Some freshmen enjoying their first Father/Daughter Dance.

Christmas Concert

left: Academy Singers dance and sing to an uplifting Christmas song.

below: Christa Martini uses her lovely voice to enhance the mood of the song.

above: The Sophomores get ready to sing a selection.

far right: Jessica Holland plays her violin as part of the "Quartet" which has not four, but five members. They must be very special!

right: Amelia Smith concentrates as orchestra plays a classical Christmas tune.

Spring Concert

Every year the music department shows off its talented students in two concerts. The first is held around Christmas and the other in the Spring. The orchestra plays, Freshman and Sophomore choruses sing, and senior singers and players are highlighted.

above left: Sophomores get ready to sing a lively tune for the concert.

above: Mary Lamping plays her harp to add a new sound to the orchestra.

left: The Freshmen, under the direction of Mrs. Beiersdorfer, get ready to sing "I feel Pretty" for their opening song at the concert.

Foreign Language Week

Foreign Language Week this year included skits by all of the foreign language classes, German, Spanish, and French days, and a door decorating contest.

Foreign Language Club is in charge of the festivities.

middle: German I class performs to a Britney Spears song.

above: Spanish II hosts "The Battle of the Boy Bands".

far above: Leslie Tharp and Mary Lamping work on their "China" door.

above: A Spanish I class hosts "The Jerry Springer Show- My family memb are animals!"

German III and German IV class shows the audience "Wheel of Fortune- Live from Oldenburg Academy" starring Thelma, Mr. Yane, and Mrs. Kollstedt.

far above: Hannah Gruber shows us her impression of Mary Catherine Gallagher.

above: Spanish IV class gives us their version of "Austin Powers".

left: Jessica Holland is proud of her door for Tuvalu.

Sophomores imitate" I Want to Ride My Tricycle".

right: Christa Martini and Hayley Caudill won for their singing abilities.

Lauren Bush and Peggy Staun act out a scene involving an obsession with smelling socks.

Seniors act out "The Sally Show: Mothers of Overweight Twins".

Shana Stegman dances to a variety of songs from the late eighties and early nineties.

Talent Show

This year's Talent Show featured a variety of talents from cheerleading and acting to singing and dancing. Christa and Hayley (A.K.A. "Porky" and "Bacon") won with their singing. The Seniors came in second with the Sally Show. The Sophomores came in third with "Vertically Challenged".

Dr. Kristoff and Mrs. Deardorff steal the show with their impersonation of the Spartan cheerleaders from Saturday Night Live.

Madrigal

"Travels to the Medieval Times"

The Madrigal Dinner is a fundraiser that occurs every two years. Most of the entire student body participates in the two evening event in one form or another along with many faculty members and students' parents. Dinner was served to the guests, entertainment was provided, and laughs and enjoyment was had by all. Just image a dimly lit banquet hall, music, gypsies, jugglers, tumblers, beggars, and much more and you can almost taste the wassail. This year's Madrigal Dinner was a major success thanks to the students, parents, and faculty's hard work and dedication.

Claire Ruberg played the recorder and Christa Martini joined the music with her vocal talents to please the people.

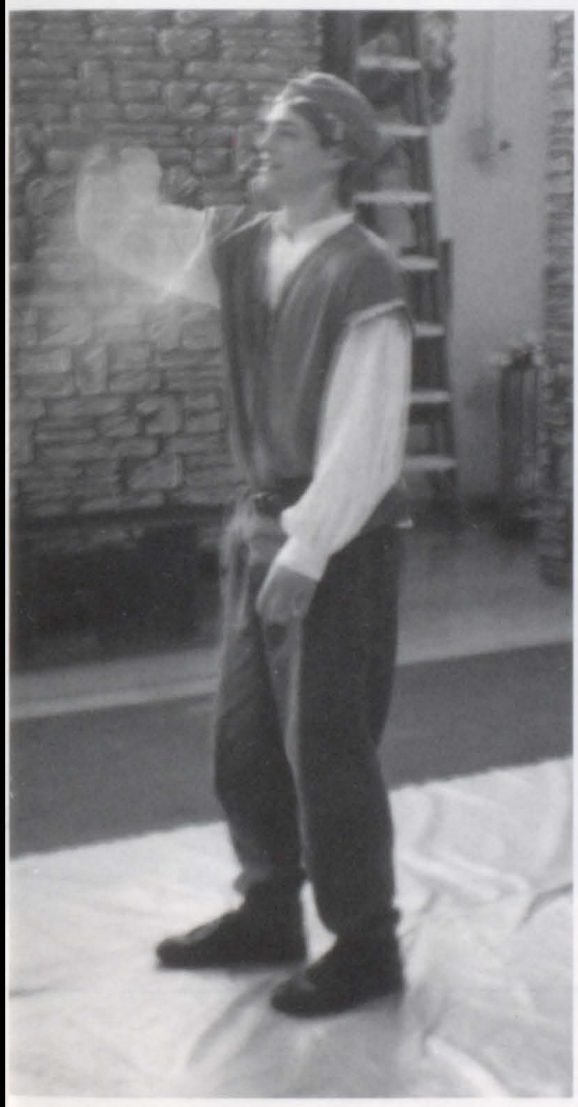
above: The Academy Singers, as usual, preside over the banquet and provide entertainment.

above right: The dirty beggars.

right: Katie Giesting and Amanda Roehm show the proper way to serve the many guests.

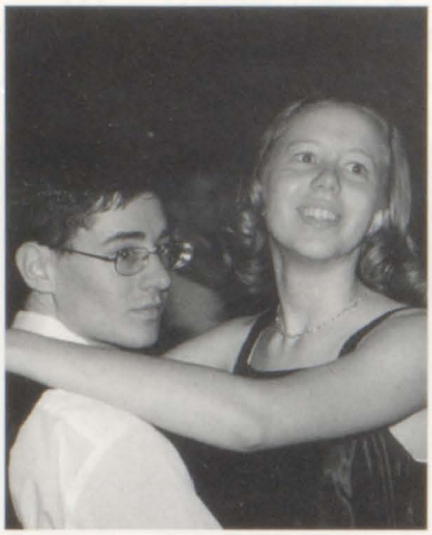
And what meal would be complete without dessert? Our servers leave after presenting the food to the King and Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Martini, for their approval.

below: Meg Mathews is the voice of Good for this year's skit.



What would a medieval banquet be if not for the troope of players? This year's drama included the story of the first woman and man and the stages of a man's life.

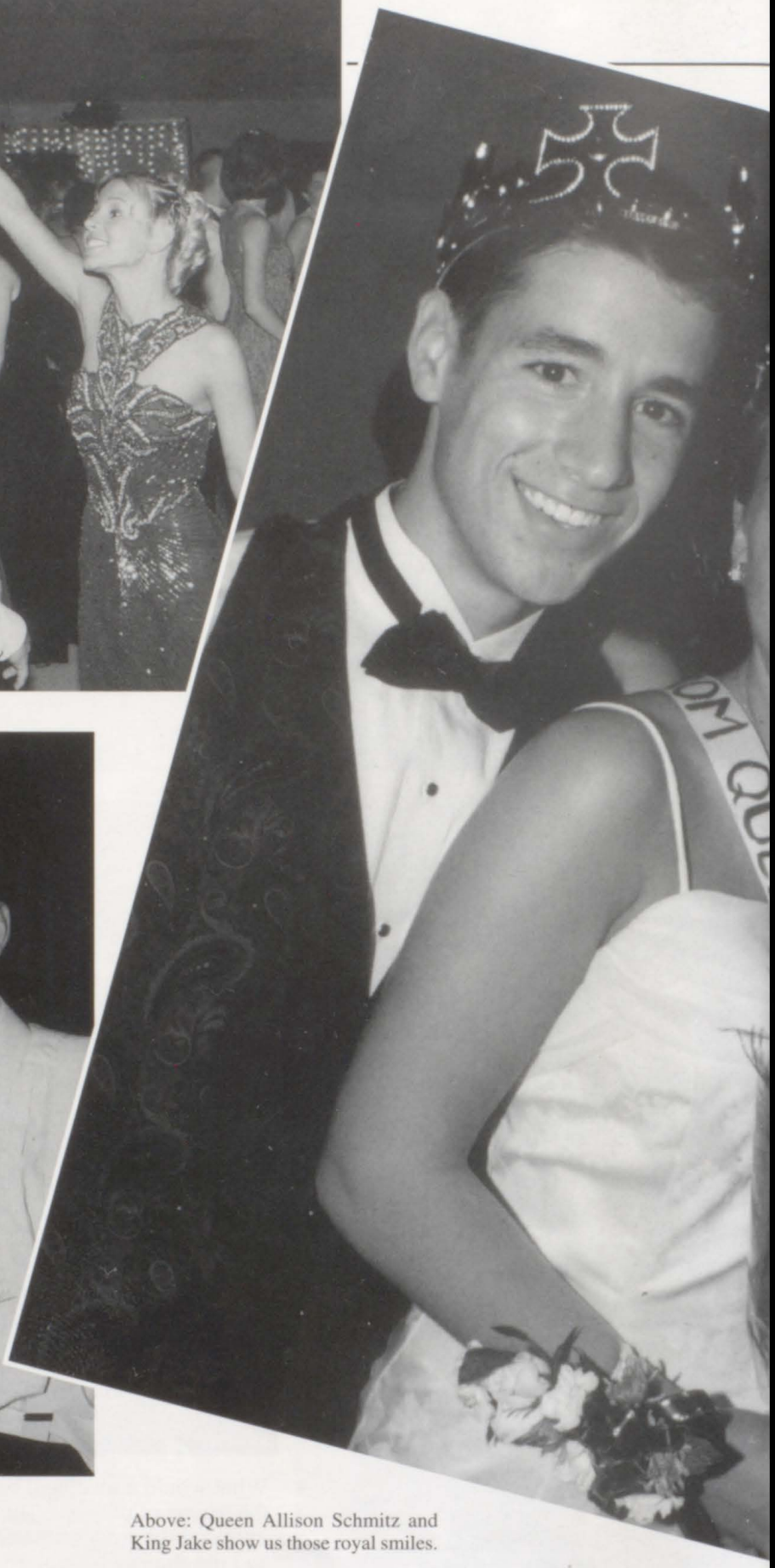
left: Jugglers were of the most talented entertainers that thrilled the guests.



Above: Amelia Smith and her date seem to be enjoying the moment.

Right: Jessica McIntire dancing wildly with her date.

Above: Princess Clare Wukusick and her date are all smiles.



Above: Queen Allison Schmitz and King Jake show us those royal smiles.

Below: Mark Enneking, Renee Kretschmann, Tara Bergman, and Derick Marcum take a break from dancing to pose for the camera.

Below: Christa Martini "gettin' jiggy wid it" for the camera.

Prom

Prom 2000 was a great night. People danced the night away in the hall, decorated to the theme "A Night in the Orient".

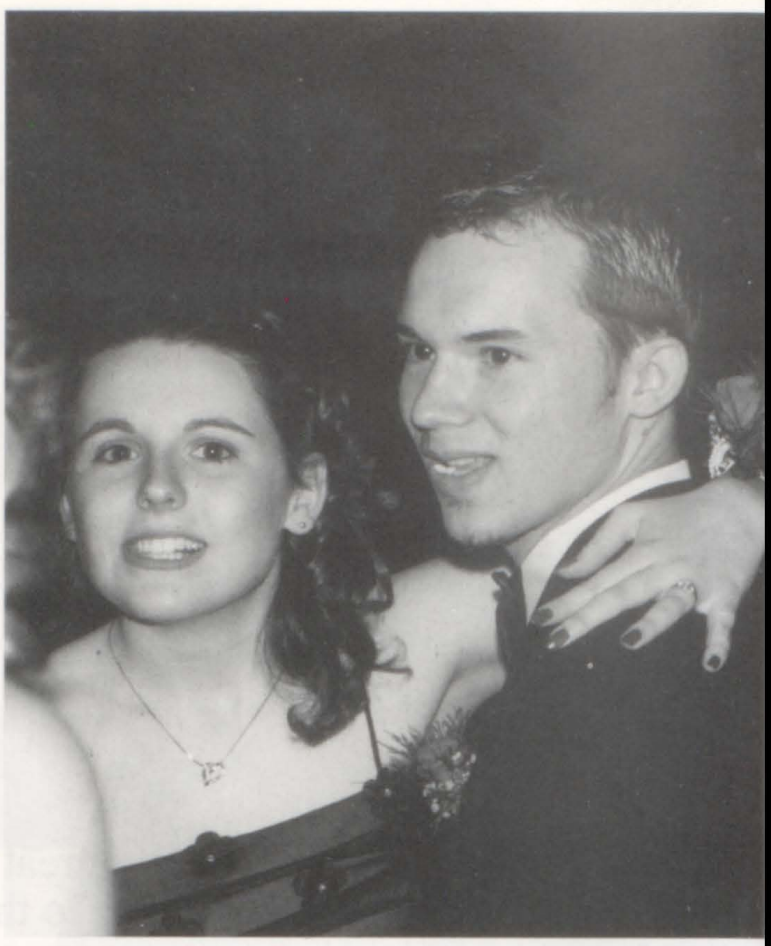
The Juniors did a great job of decorating and everyone had a blast.

Above: Look at this bunch of sexy women!

Prom

Princess: Clare Wukusick
First runner-up: Sabine Arndt
Second runner-up: Krista Gangloff
Queen: Allison Schmitz
First runner-up: Tabitha Mayes
Second runner-up: Katie Cloppert
Theme song: "It's Your Love" by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill

Above: Jackie and Leah seem to be having fun!



Right: Senior Rita Krekeler and Donnie Heldman enjoy their last prom.

Below: Senior Renee Kretschmann and Mark Enneking share a tender moment at Prom.

Right: Senior Katie Giesting and Mark Schneider flash us their smiles as they dance.

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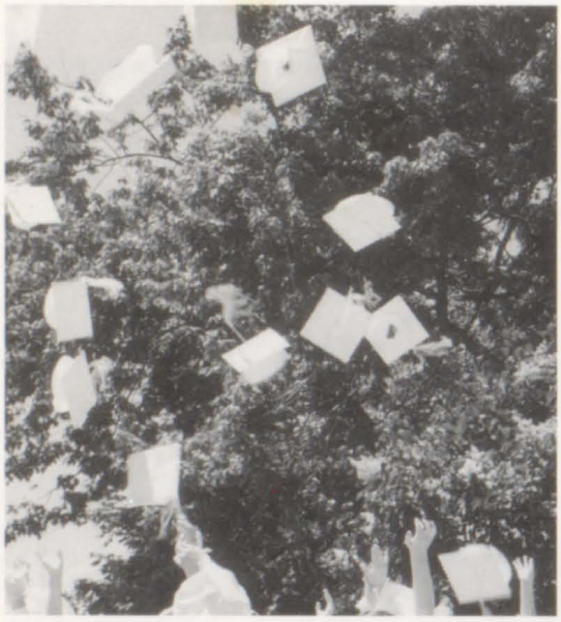
MY DISCO MOVES



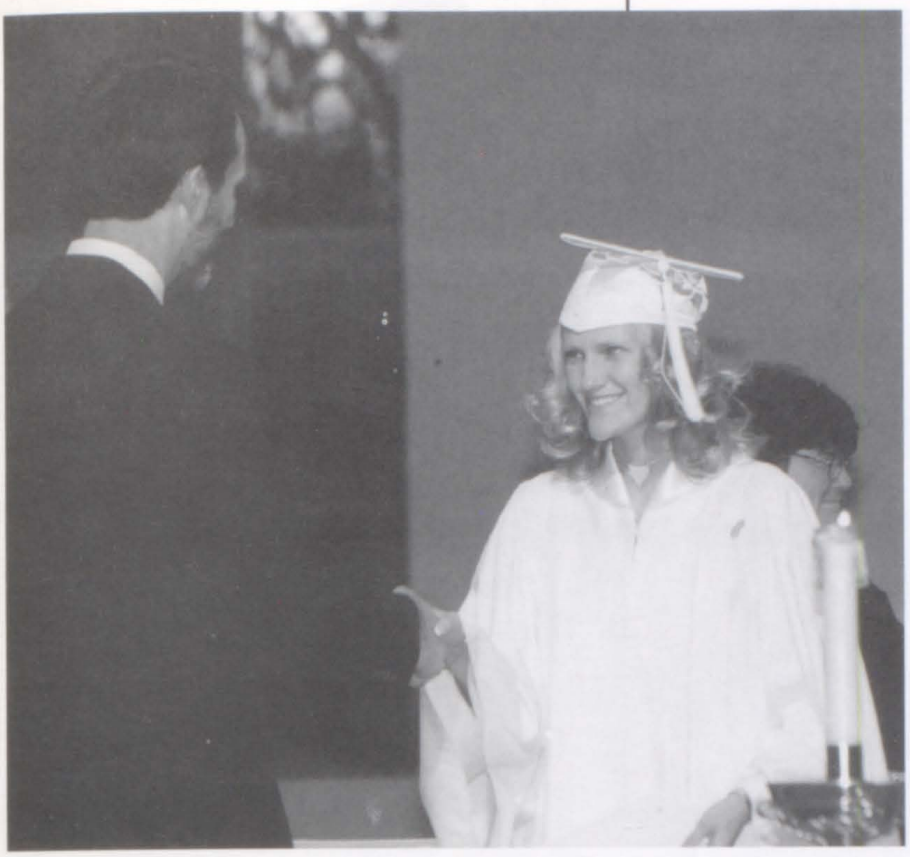
Awards

Valedictorian- Kristina Giesting

Salutatorian- Katherine Giesting

All-Around Girl- Cori Beiersdorfer

Principal's Award- Emily Honnert



Graduation

Although the atmosphere around school during the last few weeks of the year was one of jubilation over the finishing of high school, the mood at graduation was different. The seniors realized that this was the final step in a long journey; one with many changes, troubles, and happinesses. Many tears were shed before, during, and after the ceremony.

Overall graduation went smoothly. All the participants in the mass performed their duties beautifully. The valedictorian and salutatorian speeches by Kristina and Katherine Giesting were both well written and spoken. They reflected on the past four years but spoke more of the future. Katie emphasized the importance of one's reaction to changes, whether good or bad, while Kristie focused on the ability of one to chose one's future. She finished her speech by quoting the class motto which says, "We may not know where we are going, but we won't stop till we get there."

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Skirts - $5.00
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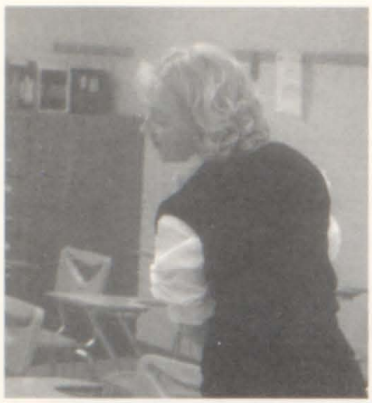
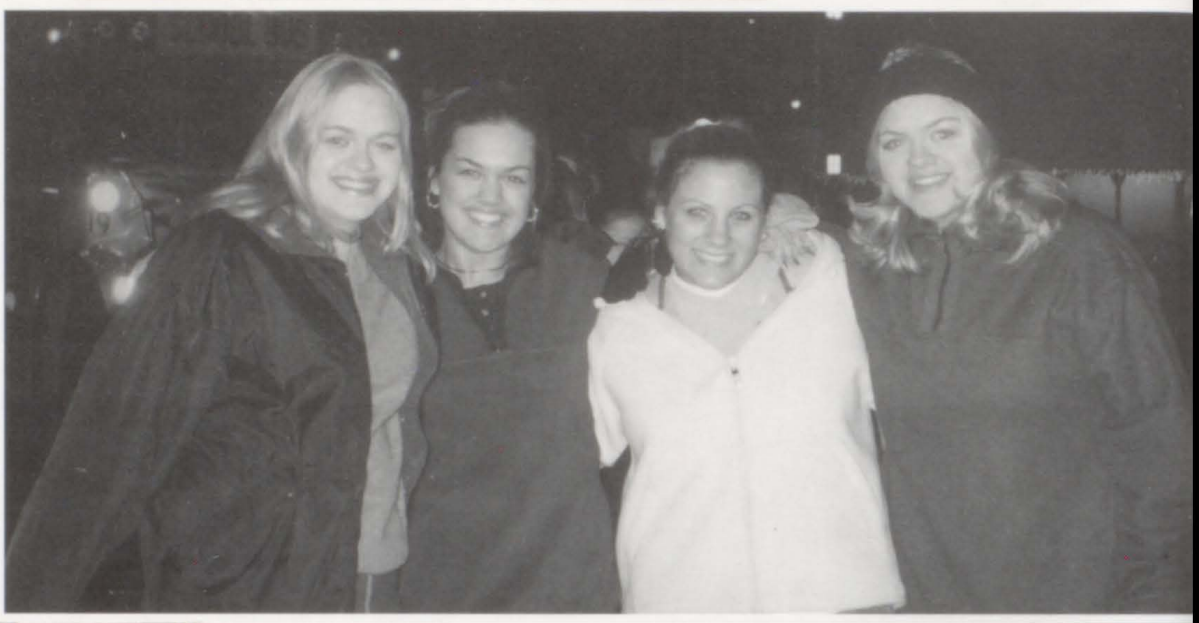
turtlenecks - $3.00

Students

look at you





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Sarah Elizabeth Amrhein

What holds you together is far greater than what can tear you apart.

Lindsay Ann Back

Mistakes are a fact of life. It's the response to the error that counts.

Megan Lee Becker

Of all the places I've been, this is one of them.

Corinne Nicole Beiersdorfer

To live is so startling it leaves little time for anything else.

Tara J. Bergman

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to always try just one more time.

Carolyn Ann Bradley

If you smile at me I will understand because that is something everyone does in the same language.

Hayley Marie Caudill

You are the person who is responsible for your happiness.

Katie Lynn Cloppert

It is not so great to die for a friend, as to find a friend worth dying for.

Kathryn Marie Geisen

Make your decisions wisely because what you do today will be remembered forever.

Kensandra Mae Gerster

Life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved.

Katherine Ann Giesting

If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins.

Kristina Ann Giesting

Instead of looking back on what has happened and asking "Why?", look ahead for things that haven't happened and ask, "Why not?"

Sara Marie Hagedorn

Everything looks impossible for the people who never try anything.

Jessica Marie Holland

If you ever fall off the Sears Tower, just go real limp, because maybe you'll look like a dummy and people will try to catch you because, hey, free dummy.

Emily Lou Honnert

Wisdom comes more from living than from studying.

Carrie Marie Hoppins

Fears are educated into us and can, if we wish, be educated out.

Sarah Lynn Huffmeyer

If you always do what you've always done, you will always get what you've always gotten.

Rita Frances Krekeler

The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed.

Renee Marie Kretschmann

It's the things in common that make relationships enjoyable, but it's the little differences that make them interesting.

Stephanie Marie Lloyd

If I could be anybody in the world I'd still be myself. I am the most amusing person I know.

Tabitha Megan Mayes

A friend is a person who knows all about you..... and still likes you.

Colleen Nicole McCullough

You're not who you think you are; you're not who others think you are; you're who you think others think you are.

Jessica Leigh McIntire

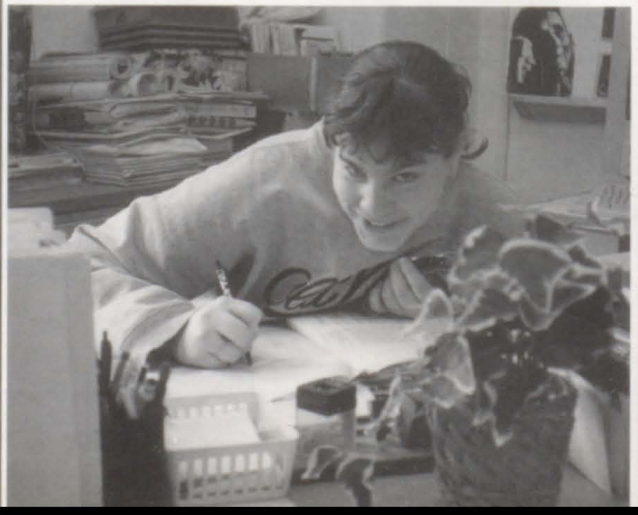
Live each day to the fullest, for tomorrow may never come.

Jessica Mae Meyer

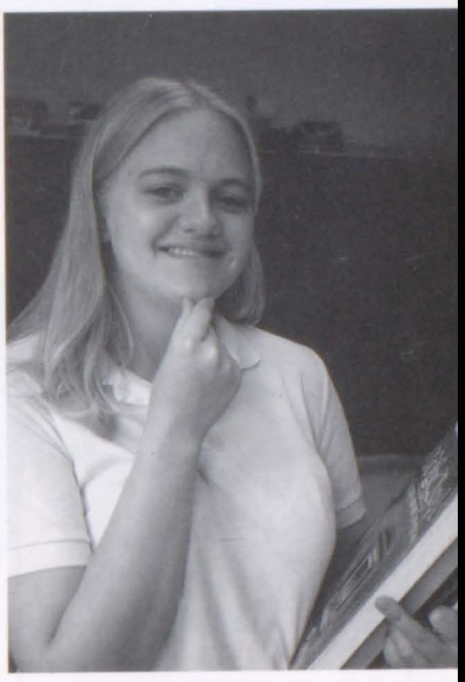
Drop-kick me Jesus through the goalpost of life.

Superlatives

Most outgoing: Megan Becker
Most like to become an OA teacher: Regina Yane
Most likely to marry current boyfriend: Rita Krekeler
Most liberal: Jessica Holland
Hairiest legs: Regina Yane
Best personality: Cori Beiersdorfer
Most likely to become a movie star: Stephanie Lloyd
Most likely to stay in Batesville: Erin Rennekamp
First to get married: Rita Krekeler
Most likely to succeed: Cori Beiersdorfer
Coolest backpack: Tabitha Mayes
Shyest: Erin Rennekamp
Biggest partier: Beth Neukam
Most style: Sara Hagedorn
Most conservative: Amelia Smith
Will have the most kids: Amanda Roehm
Most likely to go to jail: Beth Neukam
Best eyes: Allison Schmitz
Teacher's pet: Tara Bergman
Shortest skirt: Regina Yane
Craziest: Megan Becker
Uniform with most holes: Tara Bergman
Most likely to become president: Sandy Gerster



Smartest: Kristie Giesting
Biggest slacker: Beth Neukam
Most likely to join the military: Regina Yane
Best hair: Sarah Amrhein
Most likely to be rich: Jessica McIntire
Best smile: Emily Honnert
Most artistic: Katy Geisen
Coolest car: Hayley Caudill
Most athletic: Jessica Holland
Worst car: Sarah Walsman
Least likely to change: Rita Krekeler
Best driver: Katie Giesting
Biggest flirt: Stephanie Roelker
Worst driver: Jessica Meyer
Most disagreeable: Stephanie Lloyd
Most talkative: Megan Becker
Biggest whiner: Colleen McCullough
Class clown: Regina Yane
Most likely to enter the convent: Amelia Smith
Most likely to marry someone famous: Kira Stegman
Will never marry: Jessica Holland
Rowdiest: Regina Yane
Most musical: Cori Beiersdorfer
Has changed the most since freshman year: Katie Cloppert
Most likely to own a tanning salon: Jessica McIntire
Most likely to get kicked out of college: Beth Neukam
Most tattoos: Hayley Caudill



Beth Marie Neukam

Be careful what you pretend to be because in the end you ARE what you pretend to be.

Erin Renee Rennekamp

Silence is a text easy to misread.

Amanda Kay Roehm

There is a great deal of pain in life, and perhaps the only pain that can be avoided is the pain that comes from trying to avoid pain.

Stephanie Leigh Roelker

Never give up on your dream, no matter how high the mountain, because all the hardships you overcome make reaching the top an even greater success.

Natalie Lynn Saccomando

You don't know what you've got until it's gone.

Allison Jane Schmitz

In giving of ourselves we truly experience life.

Amelia Marie Smith

Count your age by friends- not years. Count your life in smiles- not tears.

Kira Armina Stegman

There are times in which we do not live but barely survive- only from these times can we truly learn to live.

Sarah Katherine Walsman

To accomplish great things, one must not only act, but dream.

Regina Diane Yane

Forget regret or life is yours to lose- live for today.

Class of 1999-2000

Class flower: daisy

Class colors: yellow and white

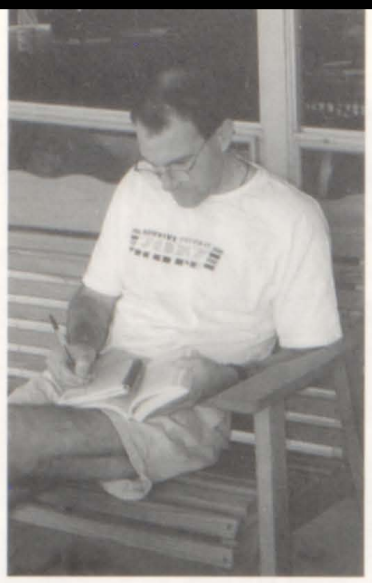
Class motto: We don't know where we're going, but we won't stop until we get there.

Kairos

Kairos was definitely a time unlike any other. It was full of laughter, tears, and lots of good times. Although the secrets of Kairos are strictly confidential, the seniors can tell you that it was three days that none of them will ever forget! Hugs and vanilla wafers were enjoyed by all, sleep deprivation has never been more obvious, and the Kleenex company most likely had a tissue shortage.

It was definitely a unique chance for the senior class to become closer to each other and a time for everyone to remember.

By: Kira Stegman and Colleen McCullough



Pete Mack takes a break from the crying, laughing, and the other basic Kairos activities for a little alone time.

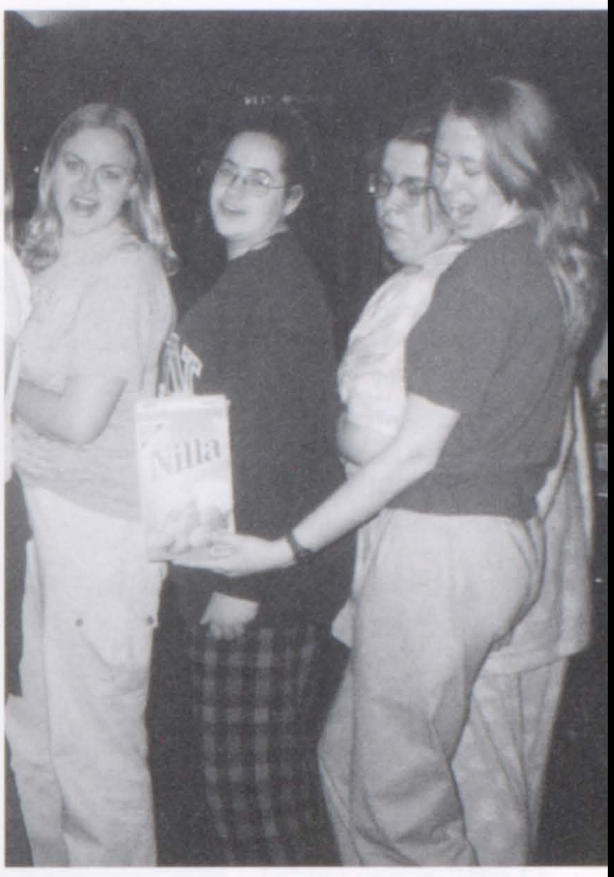
Regina Yane, Jess Holland, Cori Belersdorfer, and Devon Rosenberger hang out in the dining room at 3:30 in the morning.

Stephanie Lloyd, Carrie Bradley, Allison Schmitz, Kira Stegman, Lindsay Back, Christa Martini, Beth Neukam, and Sarah Huffmeyer take a break to see just how many people you can fit on a couch!

Katie Giesting, Colleen McCollough, Kristie Giesting, Kira Stegman, and Cori Belersdorfer, although extremely tired, are all smiles on the second day of Kairos.

Our wonderful bunch of Kairos group leaders!

Betcha can't eat a 'Nilla' wafer off of your shoulder!



Beth Neukam, Erin Rennekamp and Lindsay Back having a great time during a break.

Jessica Meyer and Pete Mack relax on one of the many "Comfy Couches".

Katie Giesting, Sandy Gerster, Megan Becker, and Katie Cloppert making up for hours of lost sleep.

Sabine Arndt
Andrea Batta
Nicole Batta
Angela Broering

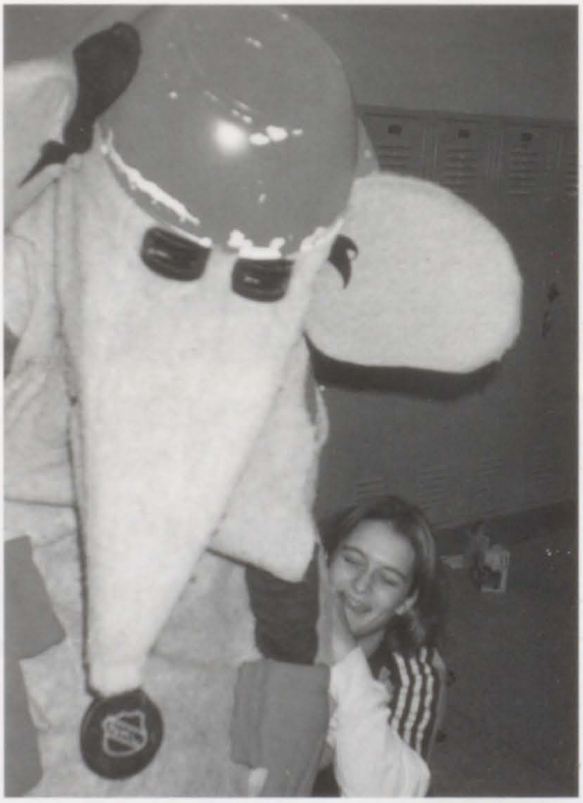
Class of 2001

Juniors

Even though the junior class lost a lot of great people from the closing of the dorms, this year has been a great one. Junior Induction was just the beginning of a memorable year.

Being the smallest class has its advantages. We can know and become friends with everyone, and work great together. From junior retreat all the way to planning prom the junior class has stuck together. Next year is our year to shine!

By: Jenny Miller and Peggy Staun



Christa Martini is having fun with "Chucky" the mouse (A.K.A. Kerri Schantz) at the STUCO Haunted Hause.

Lauren Bush
Lori Bustle
Claire Cradler
Jamie Dean

Sarah Dole
Dana Fledderman
Krista Gangloff
Jessica Gehring

Paige Wall, Beth Weber, and Peggy Staun looking happy to finally be upperclassmen at Junior Induction

Krista Gangloff and her date take a break from the action at Semi.

Lea Kraus
Christa Martini
Jennifer Miller
Dana Moorwessel

Patricia Peine
Jackie Pettit
Lauren Roeder
Jessica Roell

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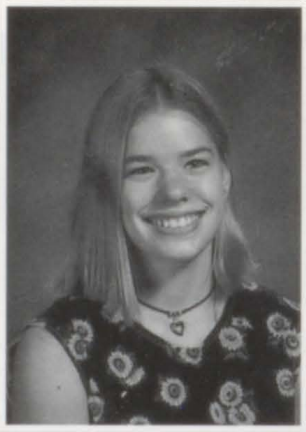
Devon Rosenberger
Kerri Schantz
Margaret Staun
Paige Wall



Beth Weber
Rebecca Wessel
Clare Wukusick

Juniors hard at work at the class car wash.

Christa Martini shows us her moves at Semi.

Bush and her shopping cart!

The juniors wait to be upperclasswomen before Junior Induction ceremonies.

far below: Monica Cole and Michelle Frazer bust a move at Semi '99.

Kelli Nickell and Theresa Honnert take a break from trick-or-treating.

Sophomores

This year was totally different from freshmen year. We lost some close friends, but we still managed to survive the PSATs, Mrs. Case's religion class, boring schedules, and fights between 'NSYNC and Backstreet Boys fans. Here are some commonly heard phrases from the sophomore class:

BSB rocks my bucket!

N'STINK!

N"SYNC rules; BSB drools!

Vanilla Ice, Ice Baby. -Molly Widolff

Word to your mother. -Sarah Flaspohler

Kick it one time, guys! - Andrea Spalding

Mon-mon spanks, and Sarai, Sarai forever. -German II class

You make me sweat like a monkey on a hot summer day!
Don't I look like Gwenyth? -Lindsay Ahaus
What if God was one of us! -Emily Snuffer
Overall it was a swell year!

By: Alicia Buschkoetter

Amanda Adams
Lindsey Ahaus
Stephanie Ball
Brooke Bartling
Emily Brackmann
Cortney Brafford

Alicia Buschkoetter
Monica Cole
Deanna Doll
Caitlin Doyle
Jean Dubrowski
Amanda Eckstein

Sarah Flaspohler
Alison Fledderman
Michelle Frazer
Michelle Frondorf
Rebecca Gilday
Hannah Gruber

Regina Hagedorn
Theresa Honnert
Julie Hotel
Lauren Hotel
Kelly Koumoutsos
Megan Lamping

Tamara Light
Gretchen Little
Elizabeth Lloyd
Adrienne Maple
Margaret Mathews
Heidi Merkel

Kelli Nickell
Kristen Nobbe
Andrea Reeves
Brenda Schneider

Nicole Schneider
Laura Schutte
Elizabeth Sedler
Katherine Shields

Emily Snuffer
Andrea Spaulding
Shana Stegman
Jodi Stuehrenberg

Amanda Telscher
Lindsay Wade
Katherine Weiler
Molly Widolff

Elizabeth Wintz
Allison Yeager
Elizabeth Yorn
Kristen Zeiser

The Sophomores have fun during the STUCO Haunted House.

Kate Weiler charges past an opponent during a Cross Country race.

Sarah Dole, Meg Matthews and Hannah Gruber entertain the crowd with their characters in "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe".

Heidi Merkel lunges for the basketball during a heated matchup.

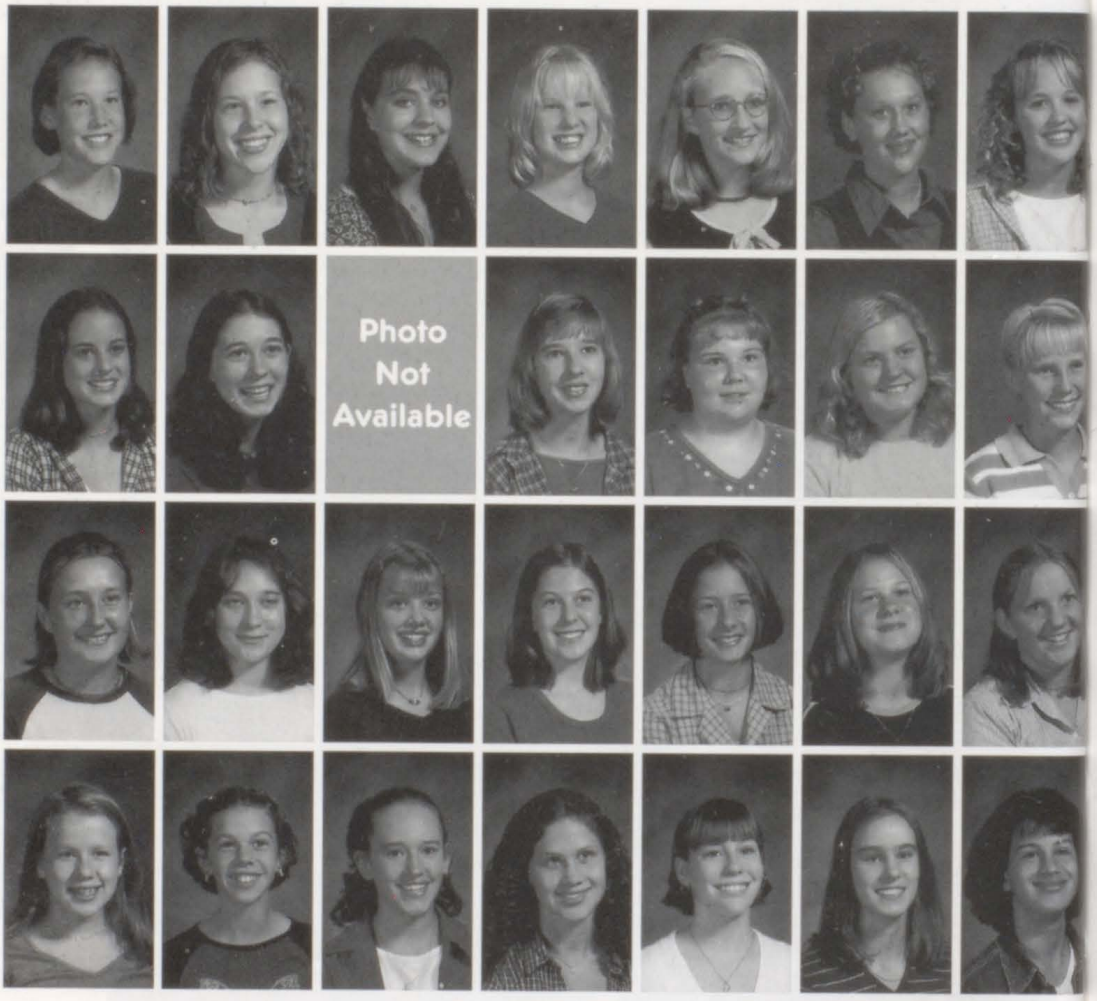
Freshmen

As usual Freshmen year was a little bit scary and exciting. Changes such as a new school, friends, and teachers can always be a challenge, but the Freshmen have adapted well to their new environment. If they continue to be as crazy, fun and imaginative as they have this year, they will have no problem with the next three years.

Abigail Alford
Rachel Bontrager
Amber Brack
Julie Bradley
Jacquelyn Dole
Cassandra Effing
Nicole Enneking
Lauren Fahringer
Katie Flaspohler
Elizabeth Galvin
Catherine Gehring
Shelly Gerster
Elizabeth Gilday
Georgina Grant
Sallee Gray
Stephanie Gunselman
Betsy Gutzwiller
Angie Hornbach
Katie Hotel
Stephanie Kohlsdorf
Krystle Kraus
Trisha Kurtz
Jessica Kyle
Cassie Laker
Mary Lamping
Katie Linville
Tabitha Luers
Gabriella Manriquez

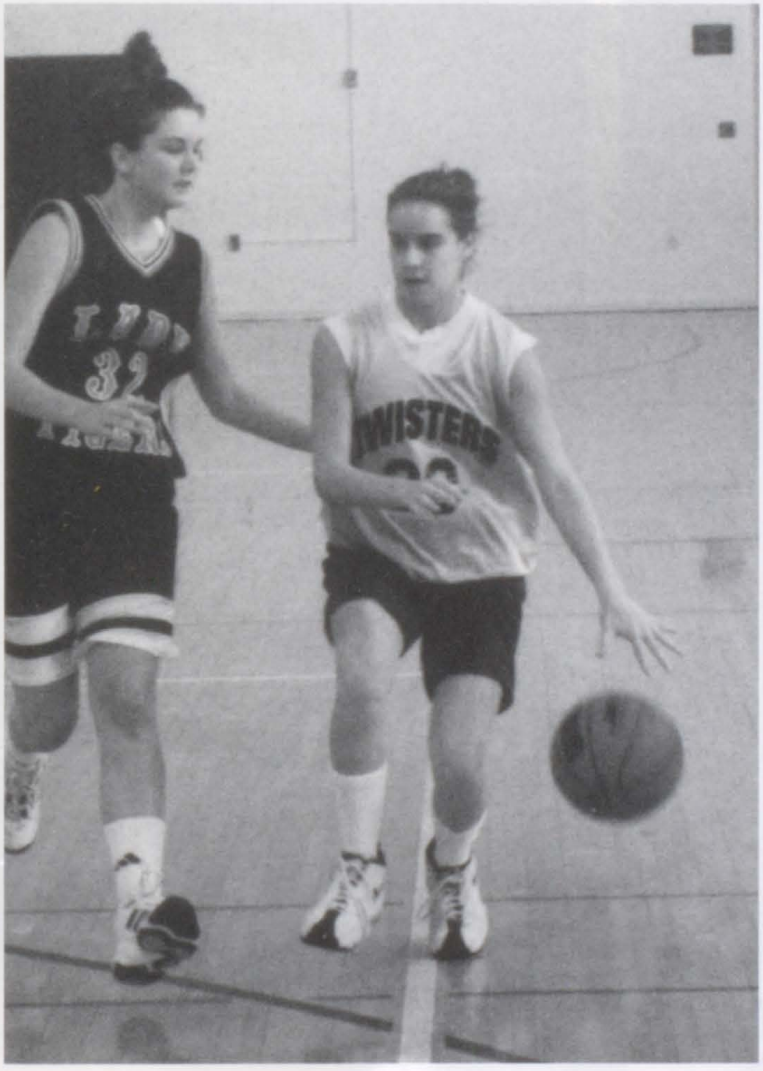
Emily Schrott and Lisa Wettrick model fashions from the good old ICA days.

Sallee Gray doesn't like to get picture taken, but we got you!



Cathryn Sitterding and Cassie Effing enjoy a nice picnic during the freshmen/ senior lunch.

below: Katie Linville shows pretty much leg for the era of fashion that she is modeling.



above: Seniors and Freshmen enjoy a little competitive game of Red Rover.

far left: Tabitha Luers plays great offense against the Tigers.

left: Cassie Effing, Tabitha Luers and Amber Brack show their pearly whites.

Daphne Mauk shows good defense as she keeps her eye on the ball at all times.

These Freshmen and Seniors had a great time during Initiation Week.

above: Freshman Abby Alford looks upset that her senior didn't fix her hair like Georgina Grant's for Baby Day.

above right: Freshmen class officers take a break from Semi duties to smile for the camera.

right: Stephanie Kohlsdorf and Daphne Mauk

Daphne Mauk
Leah McGuire
Jenna McIntire
Julie McIntire
Amanda Mitter
Olivia Purdy
Jenelle Sander
Melissa Schmidt
Emily Schrott
Ashley Schuerman
Emily Simms
Cathryn Sitterding
Kate Steinkamp
Kathryn Telscher
Leslie Tharp
Katie Thielking
Nikki Wall
Gina Wertz
Lauren West
Lisa Wettrick
Kindra Wurtz

left: Amber Brack struts her stuff at the fashion show on Franciscan Fun Day.

below: Cathryn Sitterding looks to pass the ball during a Twister basketball game.

Academics

where are you going?

Foreign Language

Hola! Como Estas? Bein!
Hallo! Wie geht's? Ganz Gut!
Bonjour! Bonjour!

Do any of these sound familiar? If not, you have not experienced the wonderful world of a foreign language. Mr. Moll, Mrs. Lamping, and Mrs. Westerfeld have experienced many different cultures and strive to impart different cultures and customs to their students along with a foreign language. If the classes themselves do not entice you to join, maybe this will. After taking a foreign language for three years one may also be eligible to experience foreign customs first hand through IU Honors. Three students from Oldenburg Academy did just this over the summer.

So if you don't recognize these phrases- it may be a good idea to sign up as soon as possible!

Herr Moll shows his class who is in charge.

The Spanish IV class listens intently to Mrs. Westerfeld.

far right: Mrs. Lamping, without a classroom to call her own, walks through the halls pushing the infamous cart.

Senora Westerfeld

Herr Moll

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Mrs. Lamping

Mrs. Case gives Amanda Mitter and Olivia Purdy last minute instructions for the mass.

Finding One's Way To Heaven

Religion

Have you ever wondered what God is like, what marriage would be like, or why people believe the things they do? Well, if you want these answers to these questions and more, the Religion department is the place to look.

Freshmen begin learning about the way to Heaven by learning Hebrew scriptures and doing "Saint Boxes". Sophomores learn more about the ways of the church. Juniors learn more about saints, other religions of the world and get "married". Seniors get husbands, learn about more saints and special Catholics, and about the Sacraments.

So if you ever have any questions, see Mrs. Case or Mrs. Ruberg. If they can't answer your questions- you know where to go next- the Man (or Woman) with ALL the answers!

above left: Mrs. Ruberg helps a few of her students tune up before mass.

left: Mrs. Case exchanges a chuckle with Asheley Funk in senior religion.

Technology

Mr. Mike Ritzi was new to Oldenburg Academy this year and really brought out the talent of many students. The beginning computer class spent the year in HyperStudio and working on spreadsheets, while the advanced class worked making a website for a company in Batesville. Accounting students also worked hard learning the ins and outs of running a business.

Anyone taking beginning or advanced computers or accounting can expect a challenge. Technology classes are no walk in the park!

Erin Rennekamp and Megan Becker look for help from Mr. Ritzi.

left: Jessica Meyer and Lindsay Back work hard to get their projects finished on time.

The students in eighth period beginning computer class work on their Hyperstudio projects.

Mr. Mike Ritzi

Mr. Mark Fiedderman

Mrs. Sarah Alig

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Mr. Thurston

English

English is taught at the Academy by three wonderful ladies. Miss Obermeyer is new this year and teaches freshmen; Mrs. Yane teaches sophomores and seniors; and Sister Kennedy teaches juniors.

A vast array of knowledge is taught to the students at OA. The students may not always totally comprehend symbolism, personification, grammer, and all the other many things which are taught, but the students come away better prepared for college. No one is likely to forget the poetry of Milton, Chaucer, and Poe, the sonnets of Shakespeare, the works of Transcendentalists, and the many grammer lessons anytime soon. And no one can ever say Oldenburg Academy students can't write thesis papers!

P.S. Forgive any grammatical errors occuring on this page! :)

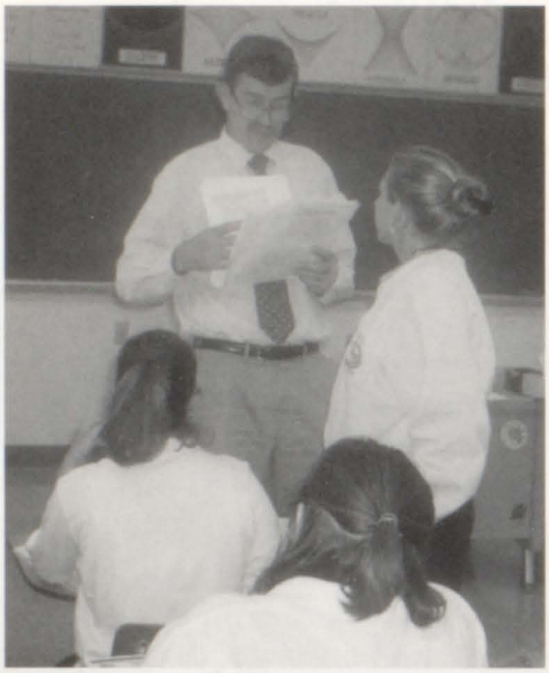
Marcie Obermeyer Monica Yane Sr. Francis Assisi Kennedy

Math

The Math Department at Oldenburg Academy is exceptional. Mr. Yane and Mrs. Flory have much experience teaching high school math. They both like what they do and do it very well. If you have any trouble with Math you can always see them. If they don't know the answers- no one does!

right: Mrs. Flory's class crunches the numbers.

below: Mr. Yane explains a test problem to one of his students.



above: Mrs. Flory at her usual place for teaching.

right: Mr. Yane takes a break from Calculus to show his students the finer points of Physics. (Too much mass plus gravity equals a broken desk!)

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Mr. Gary Yane

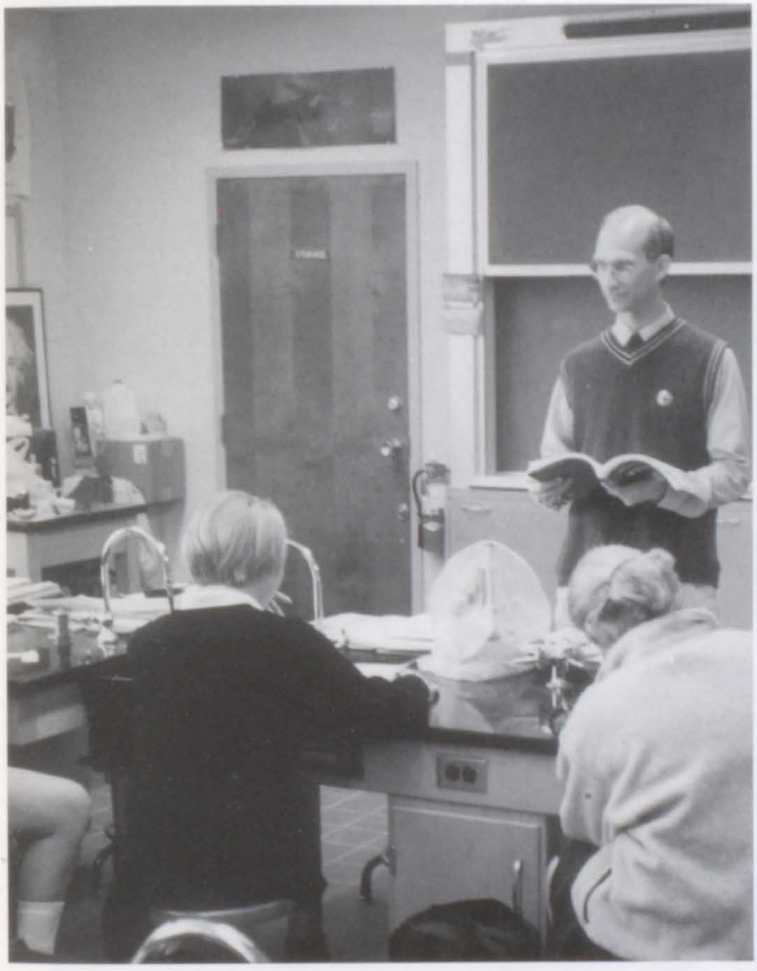
Mrs. Wilma Flory

Science

The Science Department had a welcome addition this year. Dr. Steve Kristoff came to OA from Thomas More College to teach Biology, Geology, Chemistry, and Advanced Placement Biology. Physics was taught this year by Mr. Yane.

Mr. Yane hard at work.

Dr. Kristoff explains a concept to some of his Geology students.



above: Dr. Kristoff teaching his Geology class while they try to understand.

right: Mr. Yane's Physics students learn about mass, acceleration, and inertia.

Dr. Steve Kristoff

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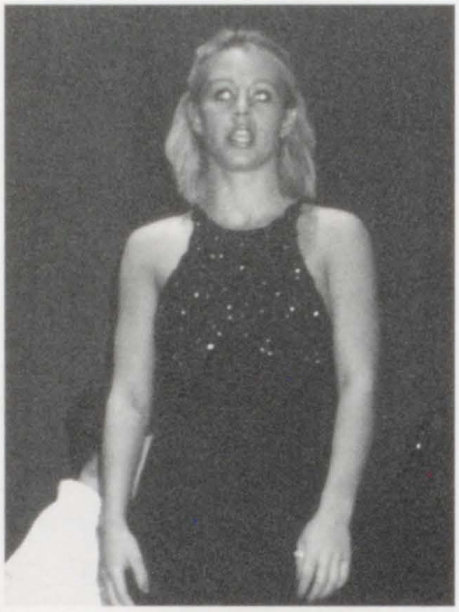
Mr. Gary Yane

Concert Choir

Concert Choir is led by Mrs. Beiersdorfer. Anyone from Freshmen to Seniors can join this group. Classes are held in the morning in the music building. Anyone interested in showing off their vocal talent can join this group and have fun at the same time.

Concert Choir members sing in beautiful harmony a song praising the miracle of Christmas.

A few senior Concert Choir members take a break from singing to show us their smiles.



Jessica McIntire shows off her talent at the Christmas Concert.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beiersdorfer

Music

At Oldenburg Academy there is a great belief in the importance of a well-rounded student. What better way to be well-rounded than to take art or music? The music department is very busy with students taking lessons for almost any musical instrument and singing with various groups. Sr. Mary Ellen, Mrs. Beiersdorfer, and Mrs. Snape all have many years of experience to help the girls here with such musical talent.

Nikki Wall plays beautiful music on her flute, during her practice period.

Stephanie Roelker plays the piano and sings in her practice room.

Two musically talented Freshmen practice their music with Mrs. Ruberg.

Mrs. Beiersdorfer

Mrs. Snape

Sr. Mary Ellen Gillman

Social Studies

Mr. Moll looks contemplative as he listens to a question from his Economics class.

This year was like any other for the history department. The students at OA learned much about the world and the United States of America in Mrs. Weberding's World History and U.S. History classes. Government and Economics were taught by Mr. Moll. The senior learned about the founding of our country and the laws regulating our economy. Psychology was taught by Mrs. Deardorff. The student learned about mental disorders and conditions.

above: Mrs. Weberding tells her class about an exciting period in history.
right: Mrs. Weberding's seventh period World History class looks intent on their studies.

Mrs. Charlene Weberding

Mr. Joe Moll

Mrs. Connie Deardorff

Mr. Moll's Government class learns about The Declaration of Independence.

below: Jessica Roell works on the infamous "three-part face".

right: "Lauren, are you as excited about art as I am?"

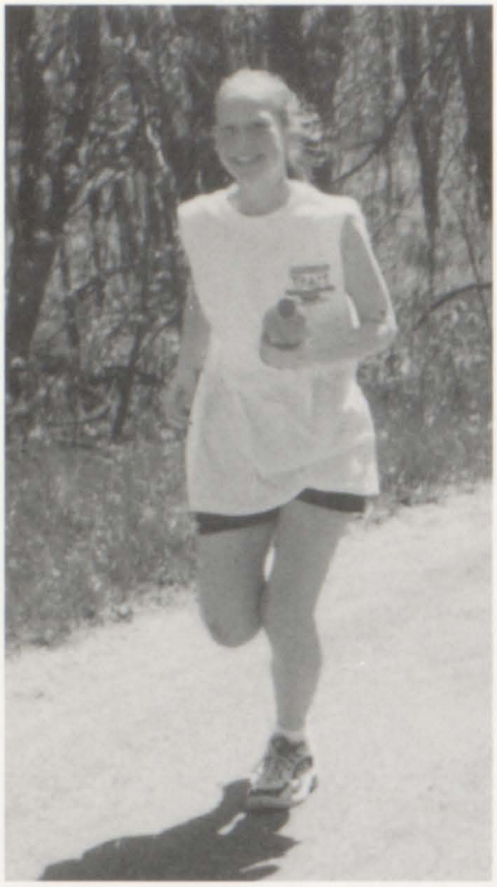
Art

"Patience is a virtue," Miss Burroughs always says. Patience is definitely something one needs to have to take art at Oldenburg Academy. But art can also be fun. Digging in and getting your hands dirty can be very enjoyable!

Miss Pam Burroughs

above: Mrs. B helps a very dilligent student, Sarah Huffmeyer, with her Art History.

left: Kira Stegman shows us just how crafty she can be.

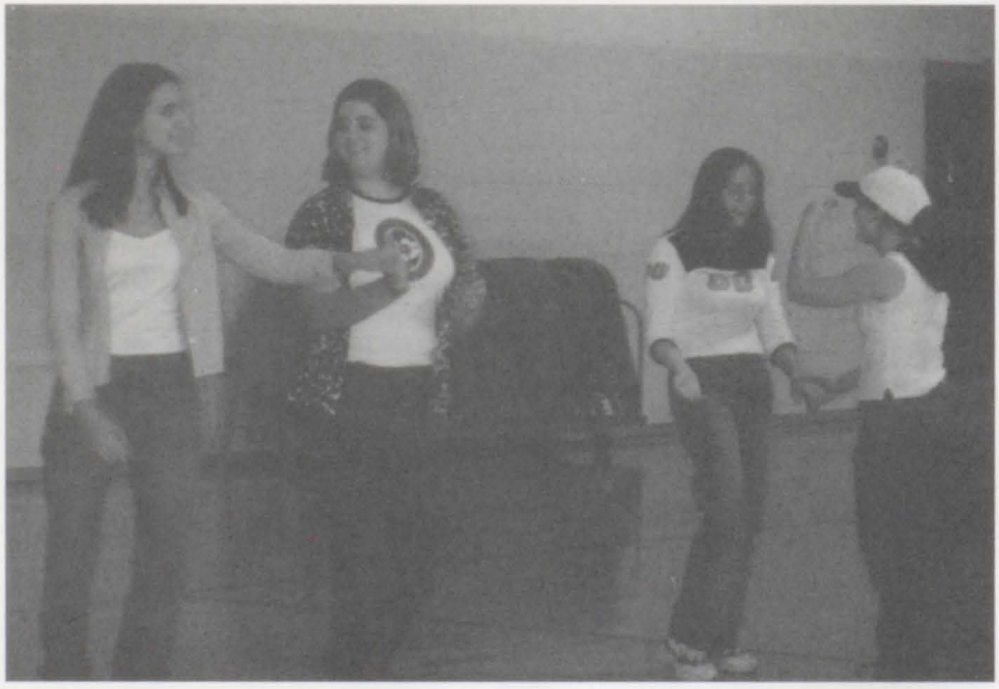


Emily Schrott hustles to run the three miles for our Health Walk.

Sabine Arndt defends herself against an attacker during a session on self-defense.

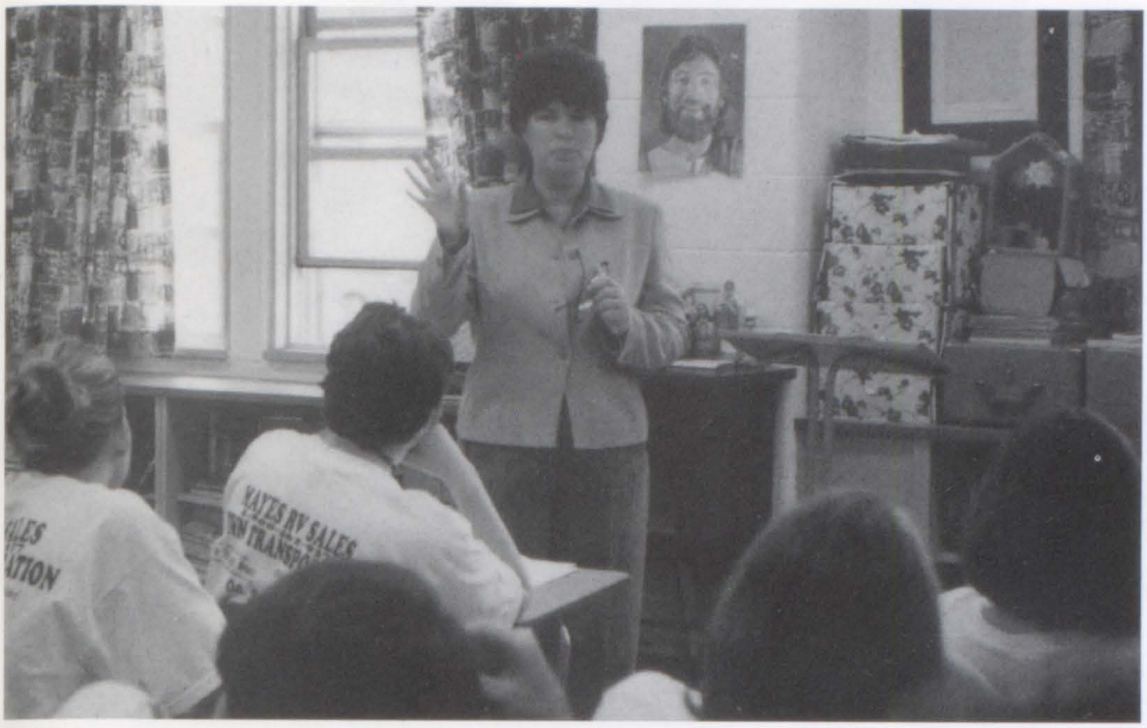
below: Gina Hagedorn, Tamara Light, Liz Lloyd, and Jean Dubrowski learn to swing dance in gym.

Mrs. Ruberg stamps Sarah Huffmeyer's tag to mark the halfway point of the walk.



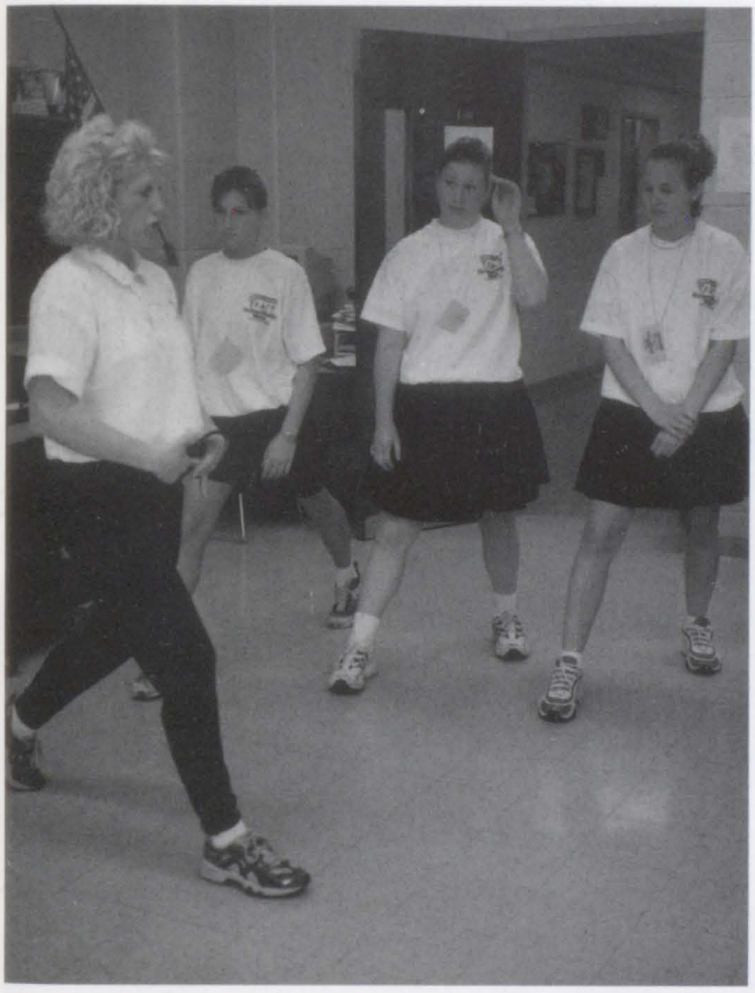
Health Day 2000

Gym/Health



Gym and Health are taken by Freshmen and Sophomores. Freshmen participated in volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, soccer, and "Wanderhikes". Sophomores learned swing and ballroom dancing and archery.

This was the first year for Health Day. It was hosted by Student Council and the Athletic Department. Students participated in a variety of seminars on fitness, nutrition, self-defense, self-esteem, and women's health issues. After the seminars, students enjoyed a healthy lunch outside and walked three miles.



Krista Gangloff, Stephanie Kohlsdorf, and Nicole Enneking are shown the proper way to stretch.

far above: Mrs. Schrimpf talks to students about women's health issues.

Lauren Hotel aims for the target while practicing archery.

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Sports

you're out!

Golf

Record

2 Wins : 6 Losses

A New Coach
Seasoned Competitors
A Promising Combination

This year the Golf team was coached by Mike Ritzi. The record isn't as good as one would have liked it to have been, but all the players are improving and most play very well.

All the players from this year have the chance to come back next year and lead the golf team to a victorious season.

Above: Megan Lamping and Courtney Brafford smilingly prepare for their meet while Jean Dubrowski looks on.

Team members on left: From left to right: Coach Mike Ritzi, Amanda Adams, Emily Brackmann, Meg Matthews, Megan Lamping, Paige Wall, Courtney Brafford, and Jean Dubrowski

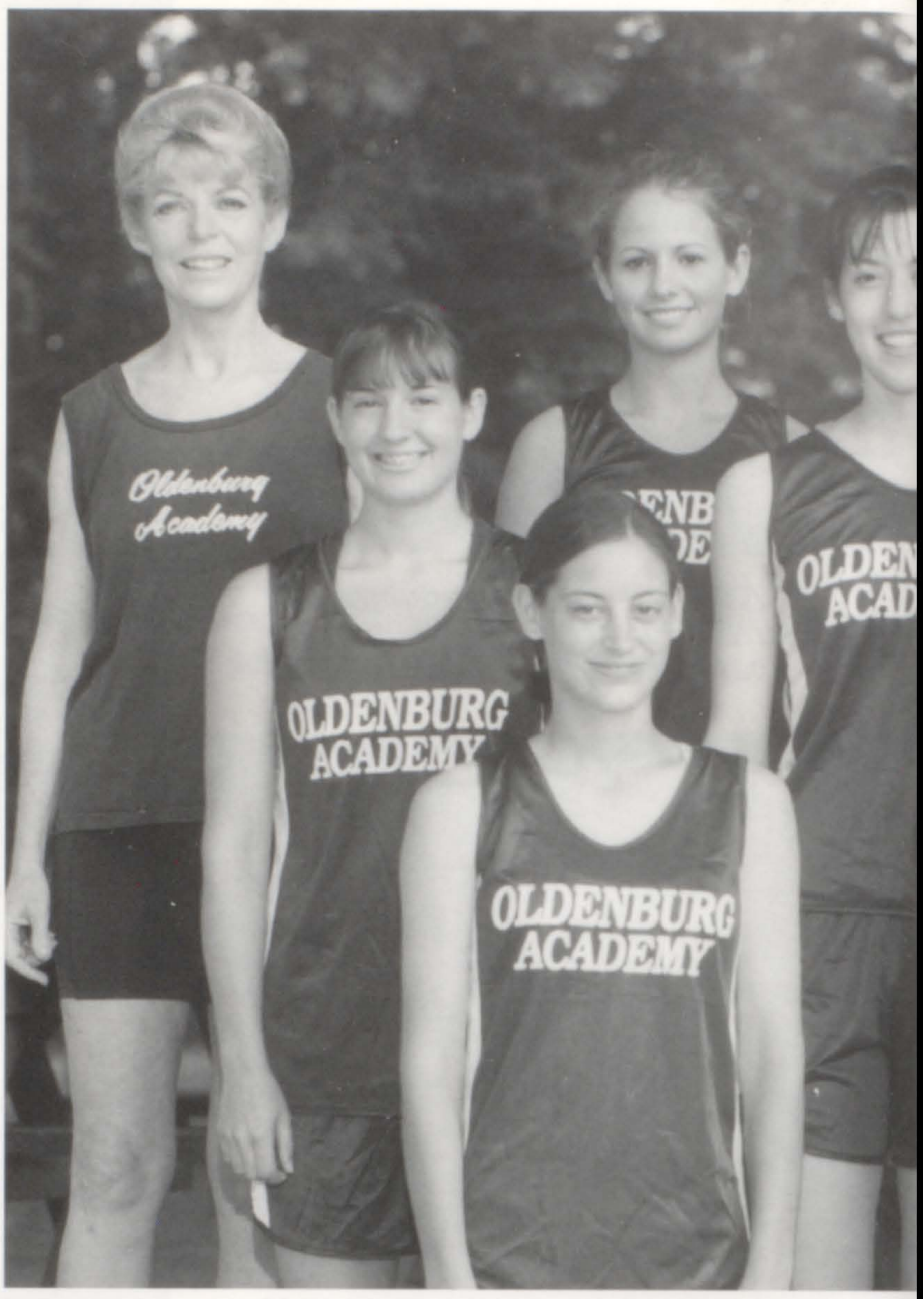
Top Right: Courtney Brafford eyes the hole for the shot that will put it in.

Left: Megan Lamping brings the club back for a smashing hit.

CROSS COUNTRY

It all began in the untamed wilds of Versailles State Park. Ten girls running morning and night. (And that was three weeks before school started!) Yes, the Cross Country team was dedicated. We adopted a diet of various nuts, twigs, and broad-leafed weeds. (As our fearless leader, running guru Merle Hines, reminded us, "A racecar takes only pure fuel.") Some runners adopted variations on traditional routes such as the "Backwards Hilly Five" and running barefoot for cooldowns. Raceday decorations became all the rage, led by Junior Claire Cradler and her fire socks and caution tape. We are more than willing to accept and be proud of our title around school, "Those Crackhead Runners." Keep trotting it home girls!

By: Clare Wukusick



Andrea Reeves after a particularly hard race.

row 1: Laura Schutte, Jessica Holland
row 2: Claire Cradler, Clare Wukusick, Kate Weiler
row 3: Coach Merle Hines, Andrea Reeves, Rachel Bontrager

Clare Cradler and Jessica Holland round the corner and head for the home stretch.

Clare Wukusick doesn't even look a little out of breath as she finishes the race.

A inspirational pep talk from coach Hines before a big meet really gets the girls moving!

Volleyball

Below: Mary Lamping shows perfect form as she serves.

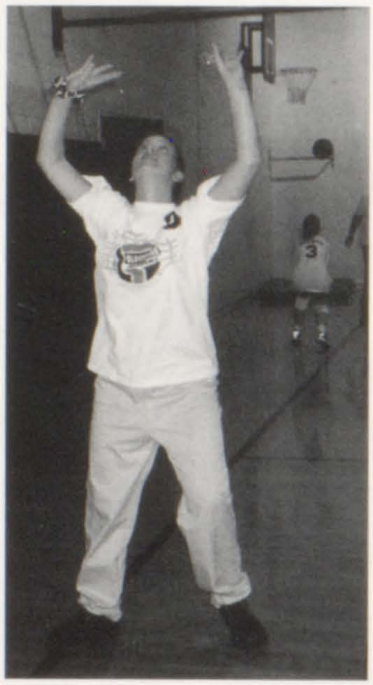
Far Below: Kelli Nickell and Hannah Gruber go up for a block.

This was a pretty good season for the Twisters.

The Freshmen were eager to show their spirit and played hard. The Varsity team even had three Freshmen members. Way to go!

The Reserve team played their best under the close guidance of coaches Luers and Obermeyer.

The Varsity team had only one Senior member, but the team worked well together and they should be proud of their efforts.



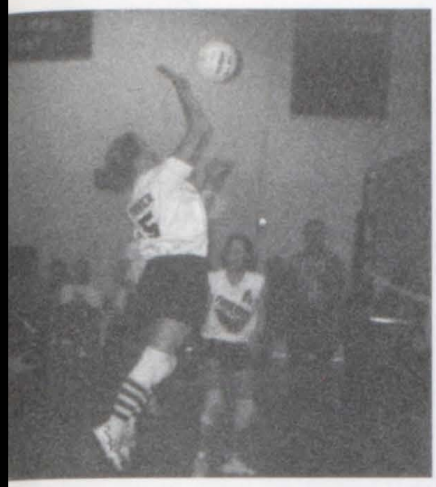
Stephanie Kohlsdorf practices her setting for a game.

Brooke Bartling intimidates the other team with her perfect form and colorful socks.

Stephanie Ball get congratulations from her teammates after a great hit during practice.

Below: Beth Weber shows the team's opponent a thing or two about spiking.

Far Below: Freshman Stephanie Kohlsdorf gets down low to save the ball.



Varsity

back row: Angela Broering, Regina Yane, Jessica Roell, Kelli Nickel, Cassie Laker, Tabitha Luers

front row: Amanda Telscher, Beth Wintz, Sarah Flaspohler, Hannah Gruber, Beth Weber, Kendra Wurtz

Reserve

back row: Lindsey Ahaus, Andrea Spalding, Brooke Bartling, Michelle Frondorf, Abby Alford

front row: Kate Steinkamp, Kristen Zeiser, Alicia Buschkoetter, Stephanie Ball

Freshmen

back row: Coach Connie Luers, Nikki Wall, Mary Lamping, Stephanie Kohlsdorf, Katie Thielking, Coach Randy Obermeyer

front row: Katie Flaspohler, Leslie Tharp, Amanda Mitter, Jenna McIntire

Front Row, Left to Right: Jackie Dole, Lauren Bush, Krystal Kraus, Krista Gangloff, Sallee Gray,. Back Row, Georgina Grant, Nicole Schneider, Cassie Effing, Jackie Pettit, Becky Wessel, Lea Kraus, and Coach Hub Martini. (Not Pictured: Katie Hotel, Jamie Dean, Lauren Fahringer, Assisstant Coach Frank Schneider.)

Center Mid-fielder Lea Kraus takes on two at a time.

Scoreboard

	OA	OPP
Greensburg	3	2
Lawrenceburg	4	2
East Central	0	1
Connersville	10	2
Rushville	5	2
Rising Sun	2	1
Shelbyville	0	4
East Central	3	4
Franklin County	0	16
South Dearborn	0	4
Sectional Tournament		
New Castle	0	3

soccer

soccer

The Twisters started out the year with 2 grueling weeks of conditioning, including new, fun running routes (the oak tree, steel bridge, and the roller coaster)!

The team captains, Jamie Dean, Lea Kraus and Krista Gangloff led the team with help from coaches Hub Martini and Frank Schneider. The Twisters had a young team this year with several freshmen, one sophomore, and six juniors. They played better this season with a 4-7-0 record. Injuries caused many setbacks during the season, but they kept working hard, and their butts were saved quite a few times by their amazing freshmen goalie, Krystle Kraus.

The soccer season ended with the annual fall sports banquet. The Coaches' Award went to Becky Wessel; Most Improved to Jackie Pettit; Twister Award to Krista Gangloff; and MVP to Jamie Dean. Congratulations on a great season and good luck next year!!\

By: Krista Gangloff, Jackie Pettit and Clare Wukusick

Center Striker Jackie Pettit buries another shot into the cornfield.

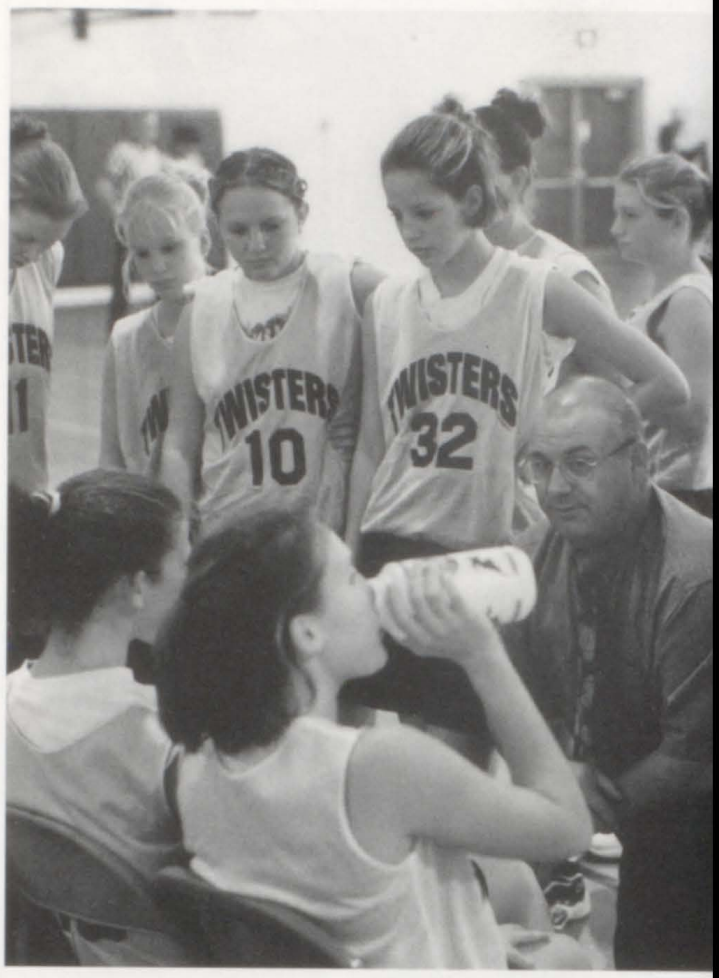
Junior Jamie Dean takes the ball from the opposing team's attacker.

Junior Becky Wessel chases down the ball with support from teammates Krista Gangloff and Jamie Dean.

BASKETBALL

We've had a most unusual season this year. We started out great and then grades and rules got in our way and set us back a bit. We got running on track again and had a lot of fun in the meantime. The record may not be so great, but we played hard and played our hearts out. Our bodies look like what's on Nike commercials. We have scars and bruises and memories to be proud of. You can bet all you own that we will forever be proud of our basketball team. We've grown into a family and it's been wonderful.

By: Beth Neukam



Heidi Merkel jumps to block a shot by an opponent during a game against the Lady Tigers.

above right: Coach Wall gives the reserve team a pep talk to get them back in the game.

Dee Doll drives around defenders to the hoop.

Angie Hornbach is right where she needs to be on defense.

Varsity

row1: (l to r) Lea Kraus, Paige Wall, Lori Bustle, Sallee Grey, Dee Doll, Christa Martini
row2: (l to r) Jessica Roell, Beth Neukam, Amelia Smith, Heidi Merkel, Daphne Mauk

Reserve

row 1: (l to r) Krystle Kraus, Leslie Tharp, Tabitha Luers, Stephanie Kohlsdorf, Abby Alford, Angie Hornbach, Julie Bradley
row 2: (l to r) Catheryn Sitterding, Jenna McIntire, Katie Thielking, Mary Lamping, Kindra Wurtz, Nikki Wall, Julie McIntire

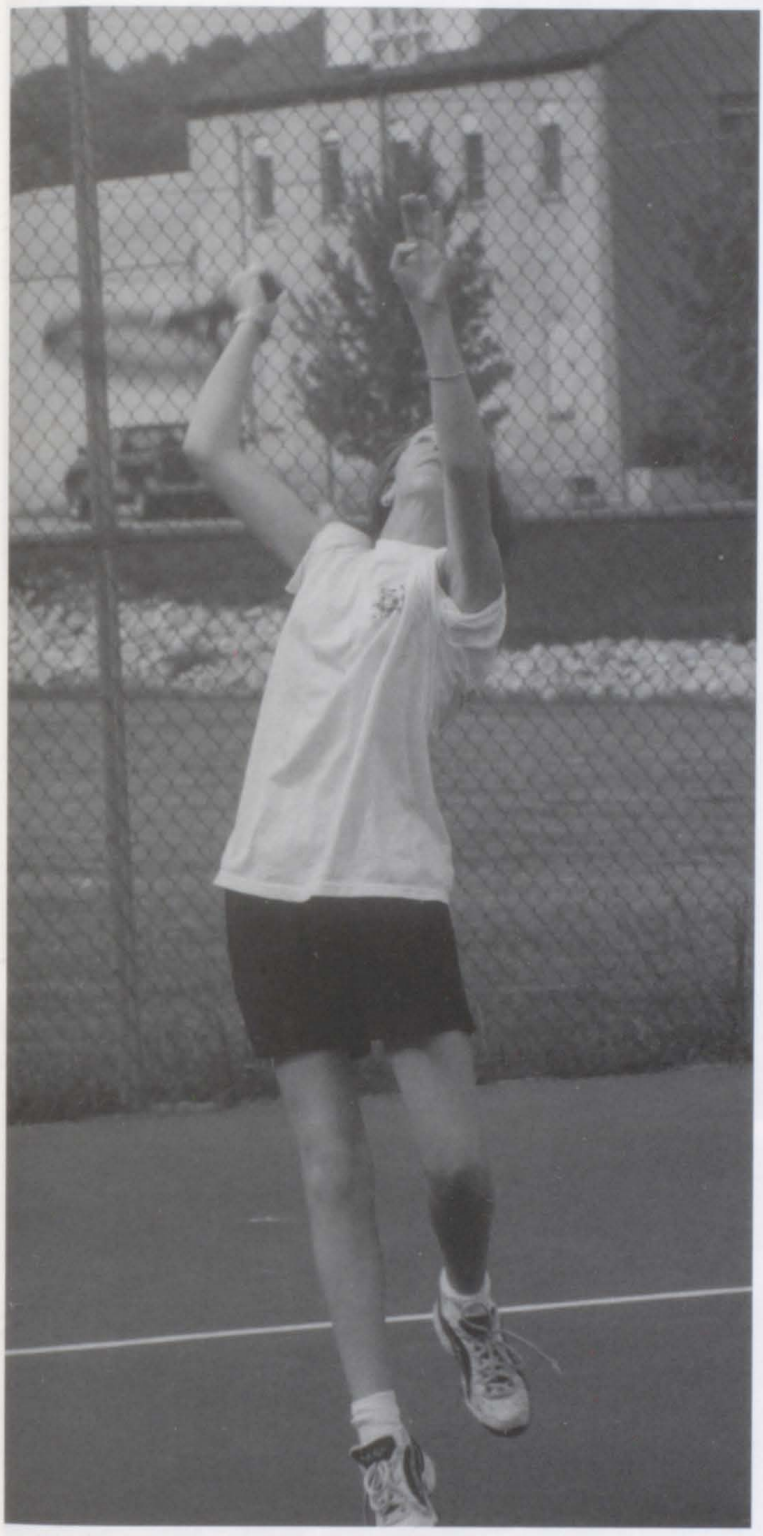
Lori Bustle anxiously anticipates the serve from her opponent.

row 1: (l to r) Emily Schrott, Trisha Kurtz, Lauren West, Katie Flaspohler, Monica Cole, Lindsay Ahaus, Katie Flaspohler, Leslie Tharp, Lori Bustle
row 2: Coach Birtie Schmitt, Katy Geisen, Kristen Nobbe, Kate Weiler, Lauren Roeder, Liz Yorn, Devon Rosenberger, Krista Gangloff, Emily Snuffer, Andrea Spalding, Amber Brack, Assistant Coach Marsha

above: Trisha Kurtz hits the ball back across the net.

Members of the team talk while waiting to practice.

Tennis



Large, young team encourages each other to play their best

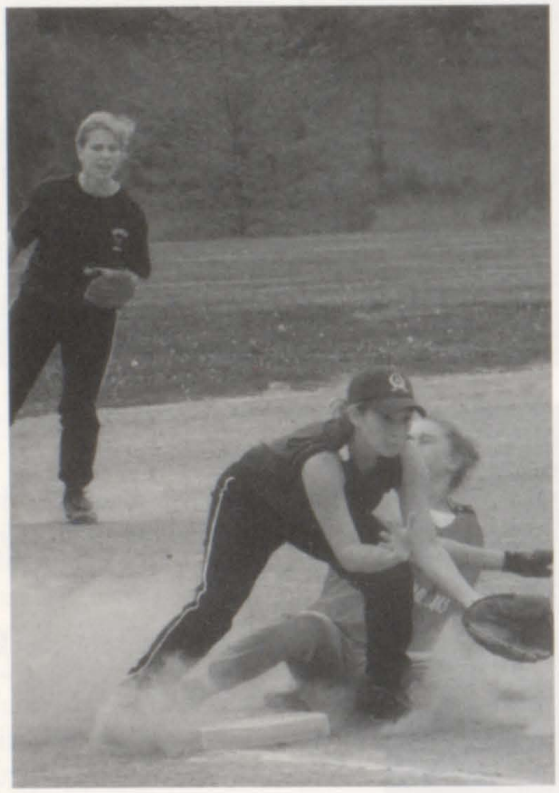
This year's season was not a victorious season, but it was a fun one. There were a lot of beginners, but their hard work and effort did pull in a few victories. We got a new assistant coach this year to replace Mrs. Geisen, whom we all miss, but Marsha's OK, too. The season overall was pretty good. We had fun carpooling to the matches, singing the Thong Song, and eating Birtie's donuts.

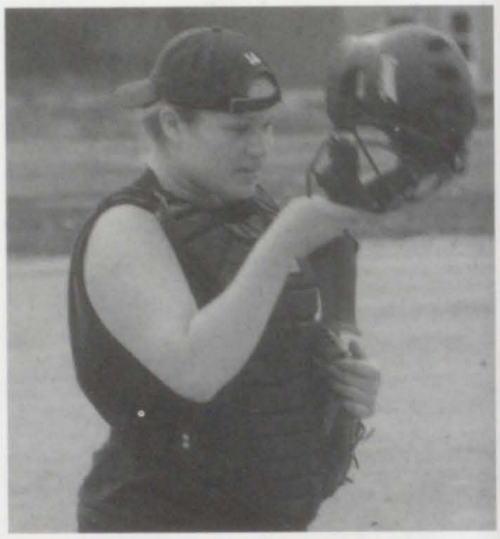
Elizabeth Yorn, Number 1 Singles player, serves to her opponent.

Katie Flaspohler reaches back to hit a high ball.

Season Record 3-14

row 1: (l to r) Tabitha Luers, Liz Sedler, Liz Lloyd, Katie Telscher, Abby Alford, Janelle Sander, Lea Kraus
row 2: Mary Lamping, Nicole Schneider, Amanda Telscher, Beth Weber, Tabitha Mayes, Angie Broering, Stephanie Kohlsdorf, Brooke Bartling, Julie McIntire

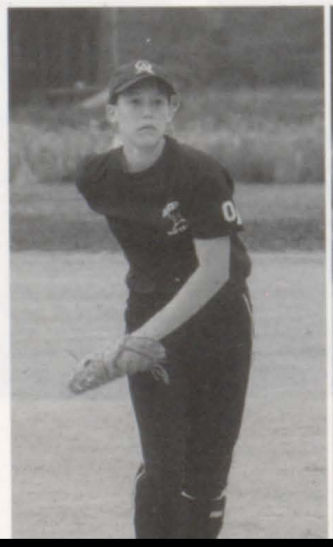


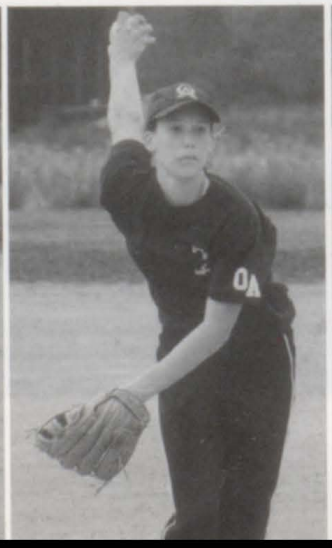


above: Liz Sedler receives the ball at third base as a runner comes; Beth Weber backs her up.

middle: Amanda Telscher gets ready to throw the ball to third base.

left: Brooke Bartling gets ready to catch for Liz Sedler.





Softball

This year the softball team had a lot of potential. Our goal was to improve through every game, and we did. We were a young tearm going up against big, experienced teams. At times we started five Freshmen.We struggled, but improved throughout the season. Liz Sedler showed great skill pitching for our three winning games. We stuck together as a team and gave all our effort on the field. The future years look good for the Twisters.

By: Stephanie Kohlsdorf

left: Beth Weber throws out a girl at first base while she plays shortstop.

left: Oldenburg Twisters huddle before they give it all out on the field.

above: Lea Kraus throwing the ball in from left field.

Abby Alford's pitching in action.

Track

Jessica Holland sprints to come in first.

This year's Track season was awesome. The relay teams, the individual runners, and all the girls for each event worked hard and performed superbly. We did well at all of our meets and had a great time at Sectionals. Thanks especially to Coach Merle Hines who always pushed us to run like mad and to Miss Obermeyer who encouraged us all the way!

Jenna McIntire runs in a relay passing up the other runners.

row 1: (l to r) Dee Doll, Laura Schutte, Jessi
row 2: Coach Obermeyer, Olivia Purdy, Peg
row 3: Meg Matthews, Kate Steinkamp, Re

Kate Steinkamp clears the high jump bar with ease.

Hannah Gruber works for a good mark in the long jump.

Alicia Buschkoetter runs in the outside lane as the race starts.

Kyle, Claire Cradler, Alicia Buschkoetter, Jackie Pettit, Jamie Dean, Jess Holland
Staun, Lisa Wettrick, Amanda Mitter, Julie Bradley, Jenna McIntire, Katie Hotel, Sabine Arndt, Coach Hines
Yane, Nikki Wall, Amelia Smith, Clare Wukusick, Julie Hotel, Cassie Effing, Cori Beiersdorfer

Senior Nights

One of the highlights of an athlete's four years at Oldenburg Academy is the recognition of all the hard work that she has accomplished. Seniors honored this year included Jessica Holland (Cross Country and Track), Beth Neukam (Basketball), Regina Yane (Volleyball, Basketball, and Track), Cori Beiersdorfer (Track), Amelia Smith (Basketball and Track), Tabitha Mayes (Softball), and Katy Geisen (Tennis and Soccer). Seniors may also be inducted into the Hall of Fame if they have earned eight Varsity letters.

The senior members of the Academy Singers were also recognized for their service singing the national anthem at home games. These singers include Jessica McIntire, Hayley Caudill, Regina Yane, Jessica Holland, and Cori Beiersdorfer.

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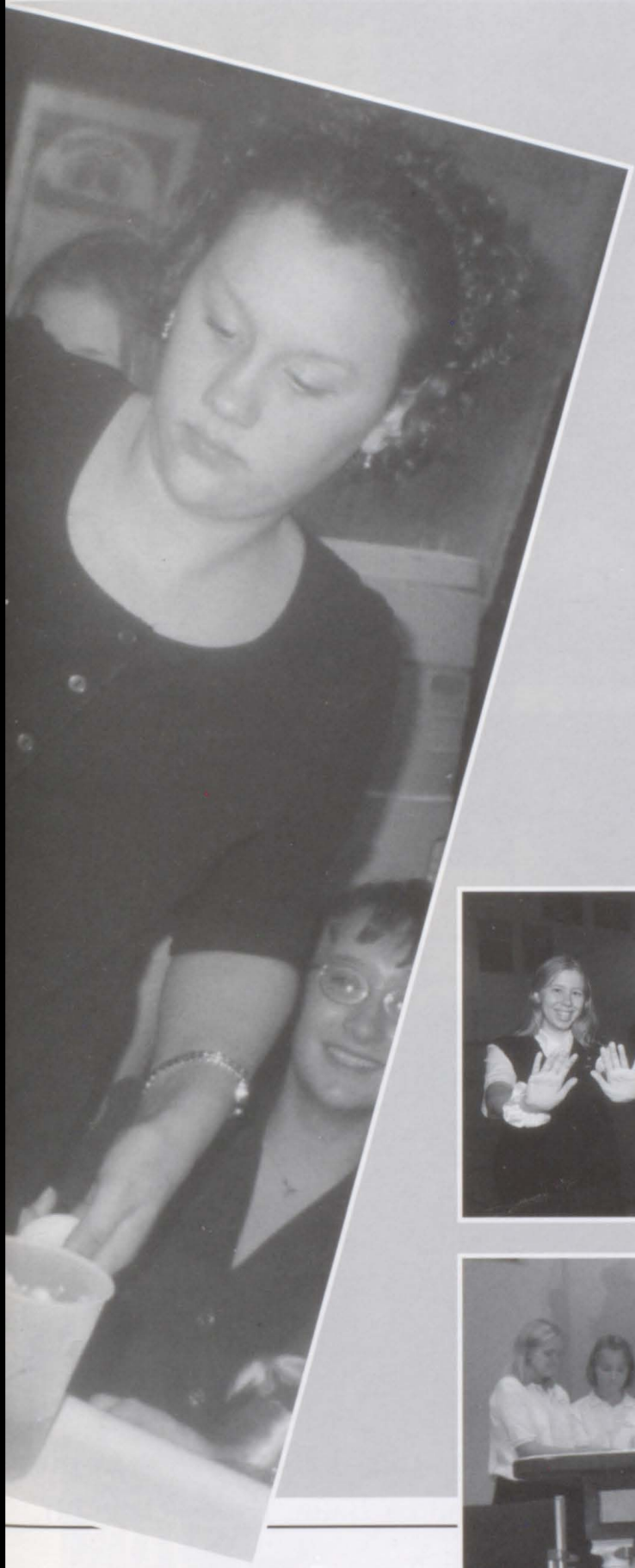

Clubs

you
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heard
nothin'
yet!

STUCO Officers

President: Emily Honnert
Vice President: Jessica Holland
Secretary: Sandy Gerster
Treasurer: Sara Hagedorn

STUCO MOTTO: "WE MAY NOT HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER, BUT TOGETHER WE HAVE IT ALL."

Junior Class Officers: Angie Broering, Andrea Batta, Krista Gangloff, Clare Wukusick

Senior Class Officers: Cori Beiersdorfer, Kristie Giesting, Katie Cloppert, Amanda Roehm, Sarah Huffmeyer.

Class Officers

Sophomore Class Officers: Shana Stegman, Kelli Nickell, Elizabeth Yorn, Emily Snuffer, Michelle Frazer.

Freshmen Class Officers: Stephanie Kohlsdorf, Abby Alford, Cassie Effing, Lisa Wettrick, Shelly Gerster.

S.A.D.D.

This year Students Against Drunk Driving hosted Red Ribbon Week, the Candlelight Walk, and the Prom Promise.

Red Ribbon Week is to promote awareness of the ill effects of using drugs and alcohol. Red ribbons were tied on cars all over Oldenburg and Batesville, and red ribbons were put on doors all around the school.

The Candlelight Walk was a big success this year. The weather was nice and we had a lot of participation from the students. The walk is held every year in conjunction with Batesville High School to remember those people who have been killed by drunk drivers. Readings are read to promote awareness.

The Prom Promise is signed by those who decide that on Prom night they will not be drinking or using drugs. While it is not mandatory that students sign this promise, it is strongly encouraged.

We also had a guest speaker during Red Ribbon Week who talked to us about liking ourselves (I like myself...I really like myself...I'm smart...I'm brilliant...I'm talented!).

The Candlelight Walk made these people feel good about their decision not to drink and drive.

SADD Officers: Katie Giesting, Kristie Giesting, Dee Doll, Brenda Schneider

above: Regina, Kristie and Katie Giesting, (the REALLY BAD PEOPLE), bring down Mr. Moll.

Meg Matthews, Kerri Shantz, Dana Moorwessel, Dana Fledderman, Lea Kraus, Lori Bustle, Christa Martini, Caitlin Doyle, Heidi Merkel, Claire Cradler, Becky Wessel, Jessica Roell, Nicole Schneider, Lindsay Ahaus, Beth Weber, Angie Broering, Ali Yeager, Emily Snuffer, Andrea Spalding, Jamie Dean, Regina Yane, Krista Gangloff, Alicia Buschkoetter, Jackie Pettit, Amanda Adams, Amanda Roehm, Michelle Frazer, Monica Cole, Kira Stegman, Clare Wukusick, Sarah Walsman, Kristen Zeiser, Brenda Schneider, Amelia Smith, Dee Doll, Stephanie Lloyd, Kristie Giesting, Sarah Flaspohler, Colleen McCullough

Spires

Spires this year was led by Kira Stegman. Assistant editors were Hayley Caudill and Katie Giesting. The time it takes to put together one issue is great. These girls put time into what they did this year. All the people who wrote for Spires also worked to make this year's issues the best they could be. What would a Spires be without the gossip, movie and book reviews, and editorials on the year's events?

Katie Giesting, Kira Stegman, and Hayley Caudill pose for the camera. These three lead the meetings and the newspaper to better inform and entertain the students and faculty at OA.

Hayley and Kira lead a Spires meeting, once again, to success.

Kristen Zeiser, Meg Matthews, Dee Doll, Lindsey Ahaus, Kerri Schantz, Michelle Frazer, Sarah Flaspohler, Andrea Spalding, Monica Cole, Sarah Walsman. Angie Broering, Jamie Dean, Andrea Batta, Claire Cradler, Hayley Caudill, Katie Giesting, Cori Beiersdorfer, Cathryn Sitterding. Christa Martini, Regina Yane, Kira Stegman, Sara Hagedorn, Stephanie Lloyd.

Foreign Language Club

Foreign Language Club is for anyone interested in the foreign language they take or maybe for anyone who is just interested in joining a fun club. The main goal of Foreign Language Club is to host Foreign Language Week. During this week all foreign language classes put on a skit or show off their talent. Three days are set aside as French Day, German Day, and Spanish Day. This week gives all students a peek into what a foreign language and culture is like.

Foeign Language Club is led by Mrs. Westerfeld, Mr. Moll, and Mrs. Lamping, the foreign language teachers.

row 1: Michelle Frazer, Emily Brackmann, Devon Rosenberger, Jodi Streurenberg, Amelia Smith, Tara Bergman, Jessica Meyer, Carrie Hoppins, Megan Becker
row 2: Gina Hagedorn, Monica Cole, Emily Snuffer, Brooke Bartling, Regina Yane, Renee Kretschmann, Katie Cloppert, Jessica McIntire
row 3: Heidi Merkel, Dee Doll, Megan Lamping, Andrea Spalding, Lindsay Ahaus, Alicia Buschkoetter, Sarah Flaspohler, Gretchen Little
row 4: Meg Matthews, Amanda Adams, Nicole Schneider, Becky Wessel, Andrea Batta, Angie Broering, Shelly Gerster

Andrea Spalding, Alicia Buschkoetter, and Lindsay Ahaus sell buttons for Foreign Language Week.

Foreign Language Club Officers: Tara Bergman, President; Jodi Streurenberg, Secretary; Amelia Smith, Vice President.

(Clockwise from top center) Kristie Giesting, Sarah Huffmeyer, Sara Hagedorn, Sandy Gerster, Amanda Roehm, Katie Giesting, Katie Cloppert, and Emily Honnert compose the yearbook editors. These hard workers keep everyone organized and on track.

1999-2000 Yearbook

This has been a busy year for the yearbook staff. We have been trying to turn out the best yearbook yet. The two assistant editors traveled to Chicago for a workshop. Kristie, the editor, has been running around, attempting to meet deadlines. Photographers have been snapping their cameras left and right to capture great poses. All in all, this yearbook is going to be fantastic!

Katie and Sara work on their yearbook page after school. These two assistant editors learned many skills at a summer yearbook convention.

From freshmen to seniors, many different students enjoy helping to produce a great yearbook.

Academy Ambassadors

Throughout the year many people in the Oldenburg Academy family become an Academy Ambassador. During Open House in the Fall several students help give tours of the Academy. At Christmas the Academy Singers are in a local parade acting as ambassadors for the school by sharing their vocal abilities. Athletes constantly promote the school by their actions on and off the field and court. Wearing sweatshirts and other clothing outside school hours is another way many become ambassadors.

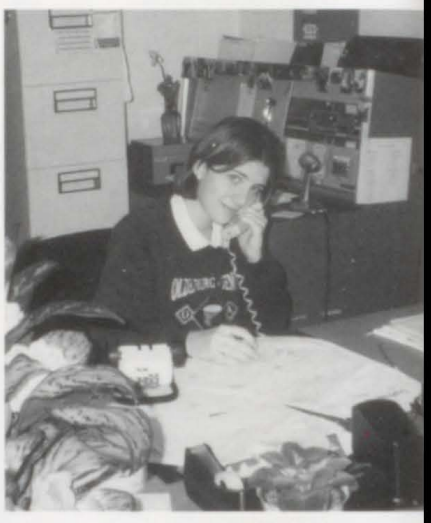
Not only students are Ambassadors for the Academy, but parents, faculty, staff and those that give time to further the mission of our school become Ambassadors for Oldenburg. Some promote the school through their participation, such as many parents do at Madrigal.

The face of an Academy Ambassador is diverse. A picture could never include all those that are Academy Ambassadors. So there is not a consistent picture of Academy Ambassadors. Rather the picture is one of most members of the Oldenburg family who have participated in school events, donated time or helped plan activited that allow the public to know all the benefits of an Academy education. If this is you Oldenburg Academy thanks you and encourages you to place your picture in the Academy Ambassador slot.

Our athletes represent our school, too.

above left: These girls are having fun before school starts at the first Freshmen initiation party.

Does your face belong here?



Kira Stegman acts to help others as a voice for our school.

above: These guys are Ambassadors also.

left: The perfect representation of Oldenburg Academy? A perfect uniform!

"Oldenburg Academy" sweater

watch

plaid skirt

white socks

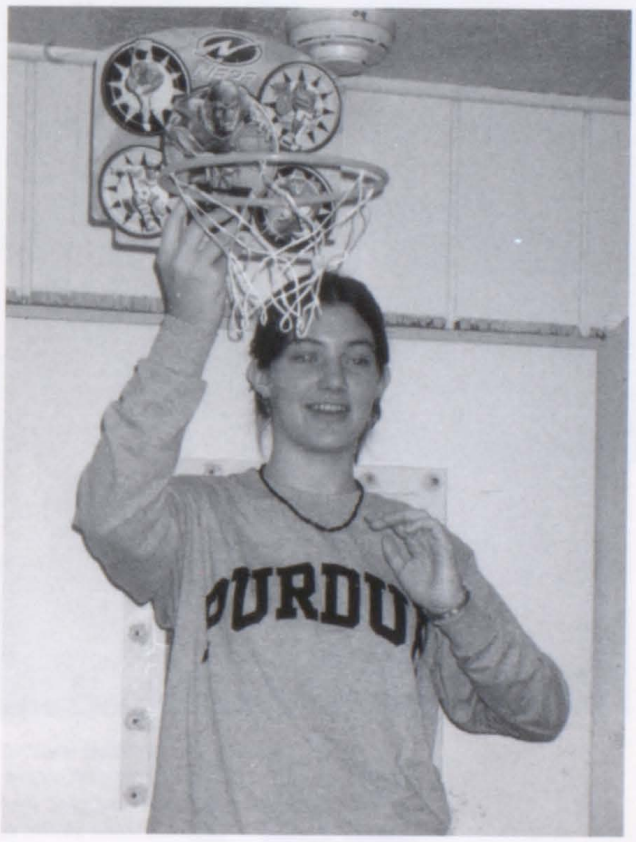
black shoes

white Oxford shirt

National Honor Society

This year National Honor Society undertook many tasks. We held "Teacher of the Week". It provided a fun way to learn about a teacher and get a prize if you r class guessed correctly. We had everyone make a piece of a puzzle saying good things about another student as a service project. We also took two trips to the Wernle Boys' Home in Richmond where we enjoyed a day with the residents. New N.H.S. members were inducted in March. They were Sandy Gerster, Stephanie Lloyd, Jessica McIntire, Jessica Holland, Krista Gangloff, Kerri Schantz, Jessica Gehring, Paige Wall, and Beth Weber. We raised money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. It was a very good and busy year for N.H.S.

N.H.S. Officers: Katie Giesting, Vice President; Cori Beiersdorfer, President; Emily Honnert, Treasurer; Kristie Giesting, Secretary.



Members of N.H.S.: Emily Honnert, Katie Cloppert, Carrie Bradley, Sarah Hagedorn, Angie Broering, Andrea Batta, Amelia Smith, Nicole Batta, Clare Wukusick, Jenny Miller, Cori Beiersdorfer, Katie Giesting, Jessica Holland, Kristie Giesting

(front row, left to right): Hayley Caudill, Jessica McIntire, Christa Martini, (second row) Kelly Koumoutsos, Sarah Dole, Cori Beiersdorfer, Molly Widolff, (next row) Claire Cradler, SME, Jessica Holland, (last row) Angie Broering, Andrea Batta, Regina Yane, Stephanie Ball. (not pictured: Paige Wall)

Academy Singers

With their flowing navy dresses and melodious voices, the Academy Singers have long been a tradition here at Oldenburg. This year was no exception ; they performed beautifully at the Madrigal, Winter and Spring Concerts, and at many schools and nursing homes besides.

Hayley, Jess, Regina, and Cori relax in their "dressing room" after a big performance.

The Singers get into character for the Madrigal.

Helping Hands

Officers (from left to right) show their "helping hands," (wow, that's a REALLY bad pun!)

Senior Stephanie Lloyd checks out the votes for the Baby Contest which benefitted needy children in other countries.

Members, from left to right (front row) Courtney Bradford, Kristie Giesting, Monica Cole, Michelle Frazier, Sarah Walsman, (second row) Katie Giesting, Stephanie Roelker, Kira Stegman, Stephanie Lloyd, Clare Wukusick, (next row) Amelia Smith, Cori Beiersdorfer, Jamie Dean, Regina Yane, Hayley Caudill,(last row) Michelle Frondorf, Peggy Staun, Becky Wessel, Andrea Batta, Krista Gangloff, Tara Bergman

Art Club

The Art Club began and ended this year by painting the backdrop with lots of fun in between! First, we painted the backdrop for the winter music concert and the play, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. We sold Valentines' Day cards again this year. We also helped decorate the school for the Madrigal. To finish the year we painted the backdrop for the spring concert.

By: Jenny Miller and Peggy Staun

Regina Yane, Stephanie Lloyd, Clare Wukusick, Lauren Roeder, Sabina Arndt, Katie Giesting, Cori Beiersdorfer, Sarah Dole, Dana Fledderman, Peggy Staun, Jenny Miller, Kira Stegman, Sarah Huffmeyer, Shana Stegman, Meg Matthews, Amanda Eckstein, Adrienne Maple, Brooke Bartling, Katy Geisen, Emily Honnert, Emily Snuffer, Jodi Steurenburg, Jessica Roell, Katie Cloppert, Sarah Hagedorn, Alicia Buschkoetter

officers: Stephanie Lloyd-President; Jenny Miller-Vice President; Kira Stegman- Secretary; Katie Giesting-Treasurer

below: Miss Burroughs sets up to draw the backdrop...

...and here we draw.

Academic Team

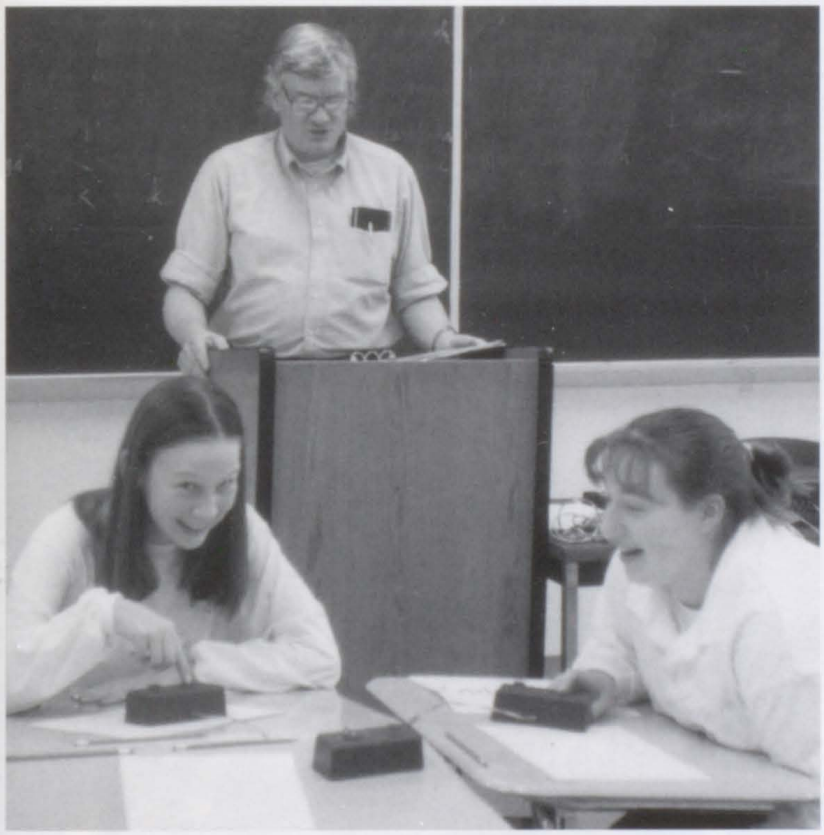
Top Ten Things Overheard at an Academic Meet:

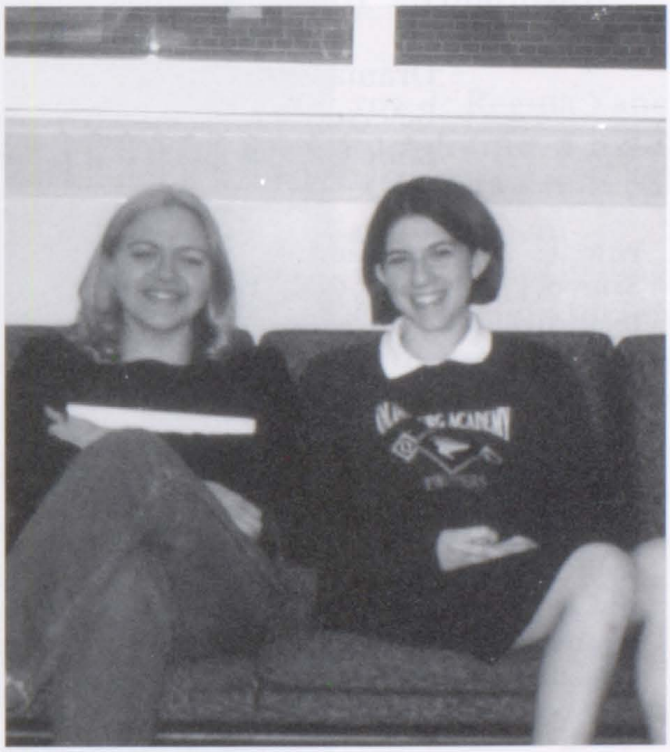
10. The Golden Bullet! We love the Golden Bullet!
9. I knew that.
8. That a girl!
7. Can you spell that?
6. Did I ever tell you about the time...
5. T for "Top", G for "Ground"
4. Put me in!
3. Take me out!
2. Are you a player?
1. We'll baffle them with our bull s*&%!

below: Katie, Sarah, Jean, Nicole, and Kristie pose in front of the infamous "Golden Bullet".

left: Cori Beiersdorfer, Katie Giesting, Andrea Batta, Angie Broering, Nicole Schneider, Regina Yane, Kristie Giesting, Amanda Mitter, Amelia Smith, Emily Schrott, Lauren West, Kerri Schantz, Leslie Tharp, Kira Stegman, Monica Cole, Sarah Walsman

below: ED!!! (oh, and Emily and Lauren)

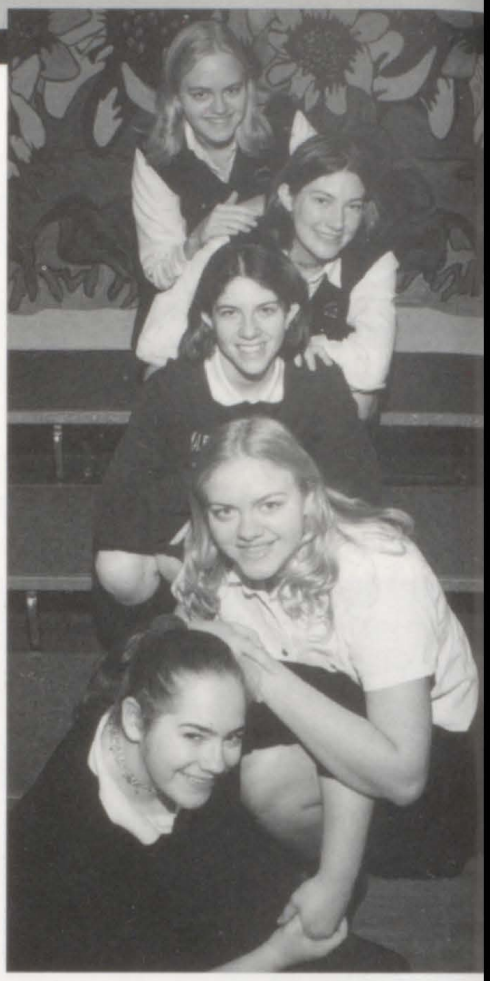




above: Katie and Kira take a break from all that brain work.

"The theater, the theater!"

Drama Club



Where's our leader? Do we have a leader? No? Oh, okay.

Even without an adult leader this year Drama club and Thespian Society managed to handle all the tasks assigned to them. We had meetings to discuss potential plays or musicals to perform under the direction of Mr. Stegman. "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" was performed in the fall and Madrigal was held in the Spring. Many Drama Club members participated in these events. Thespian Society had inductions for the coming year at the end of the school year. Good luck to all those Thespians next year!

Drama Club Officers: Kristina Giesting, Secretary; Cori Beiersdorfer, President; Kira Stegman, Vice President; Katie Giesting, Treasurer; Stephanie Lloyd, officer

row 1: (l to r) Emily Schrott, Leslie Tharp, Colleen McCullough, Kira Stegman, Katie Giesting, Regina Yane, Stephanie Lloyd, Kristie Giesting
row 2: Katie Linville, Sarah Walsman, Amber Brack, Devon Rosenberger, Lauren Bush, Liz Lloyd
row 3: Cori Beiersdorfer, Shana Stegman, Molly Widolff, Sarah Dole, Emily Brackmann

Thespian Society

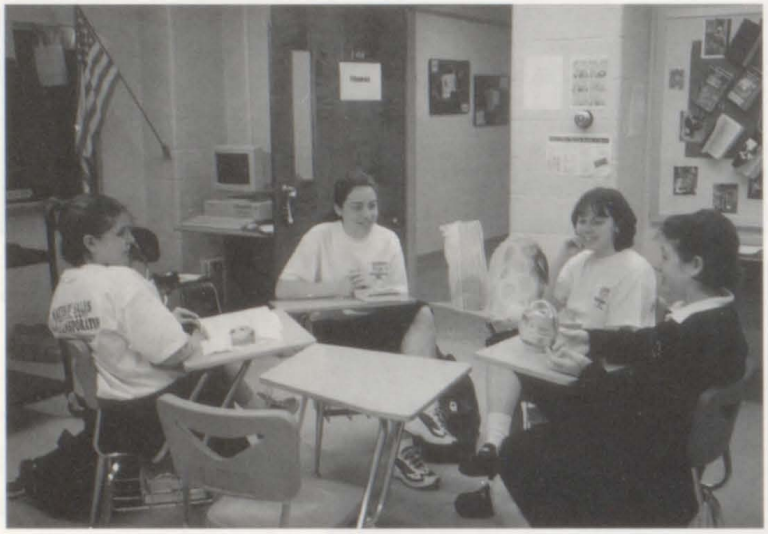
T-H-E-S-P-I-A-N-S!!!!!

row 1: Regina Yane, Stephanie Lloyd, Kristie Giesting, Sarah Walsman
row 2: Katie Giesting, Cori Beiersdorfer, Kira Stegman
row 3: Colleen McCollough, Molly Widolff

Peace Community

The Peace Community is a name given to those individuals who promote servant leadership through events that include service for others, respect for the earth, and tolerance of others.

Events throughout the school that further the Academy's mission are all a part of this community of peace. Food drives, mission trips, visiting the elderly, and any event that makes the world a better place to live in are events that make up the peace community.



What happened to these clubs?

Ski Club

Swim Club

Pep Squad

~~Book Club~~

Book lovers of Oldenburg Academy unite! Love to read George Orwell? Jane Austen? Homer? Dr. Seuss? Whatever your preference, Book Club is the group to join. Freshman Cathryn Sitterding took the initiative to start Book Club this year.

Book Club meets frequently to discuss current books and talk about the exciting events in the books they are reading.

(l to r) Cathryn Sitterding, Regina Yane, Sandy Gerster, Andrea Batta, Jessica Holland, Claire Cradler, Michelle Frondorf, Sarah Walsman, Amanda Adams, Heidi Merkel, Nicole Schneider, Dee Doll

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Oldenburg Academy: A look back....

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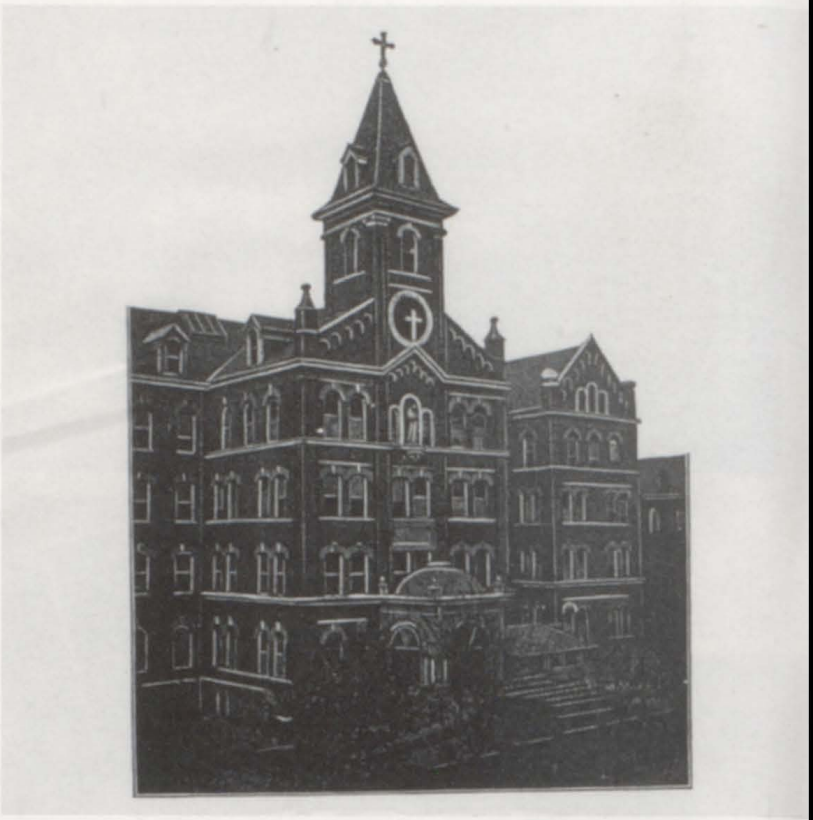

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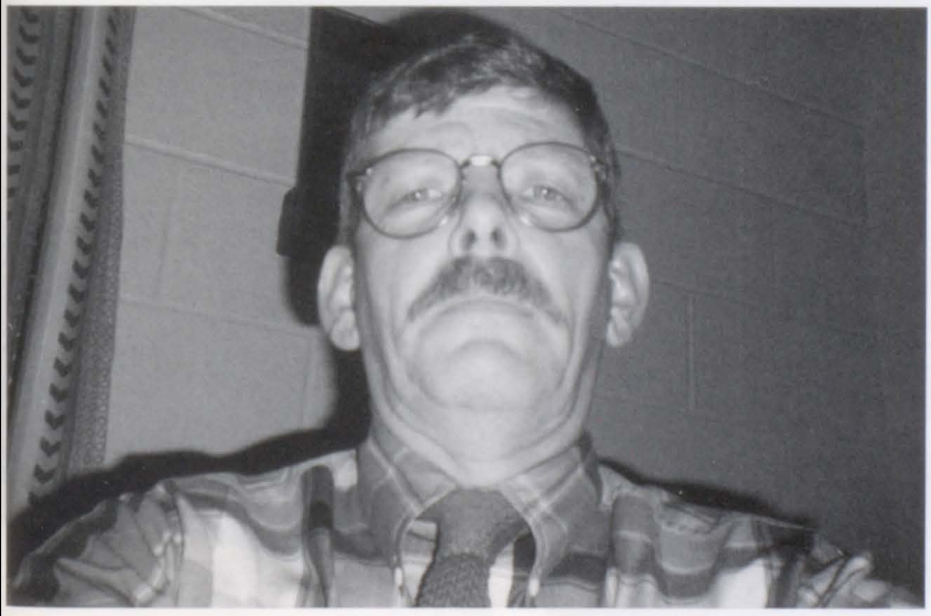
Commencement of 1900

Board members show off "guys fashions" for the coming school year.

middle: Students react to the news.

bottom: Mr. Moll says, "Behave boys- or you'll have me to deal with."

...and ahead.



...Over the years the schools has seen many changes. Girls sports were started, teachers have come and gone, the dorm was closed, but the most drastic change is the one facing the students as they start the 2000-2001 school year. For the first time in the Academy's history, males will be able to attend the Academy. This decision was met with controversy and mixed emotions on all sides. The day the announcement was made most students were sad, but now most people have accepted the change.

"I was upset not so because of the change, but of the timing and the broken promises." Stephanie Lloyd

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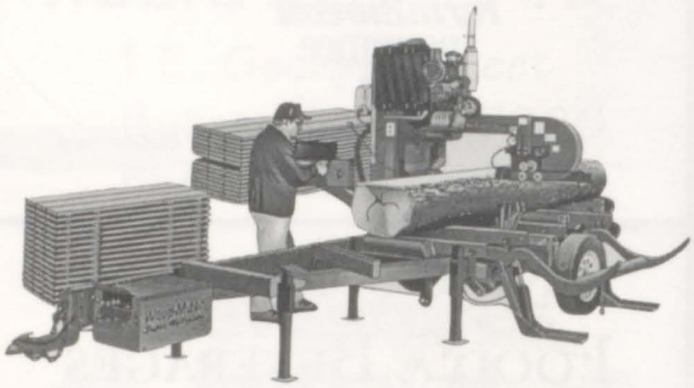

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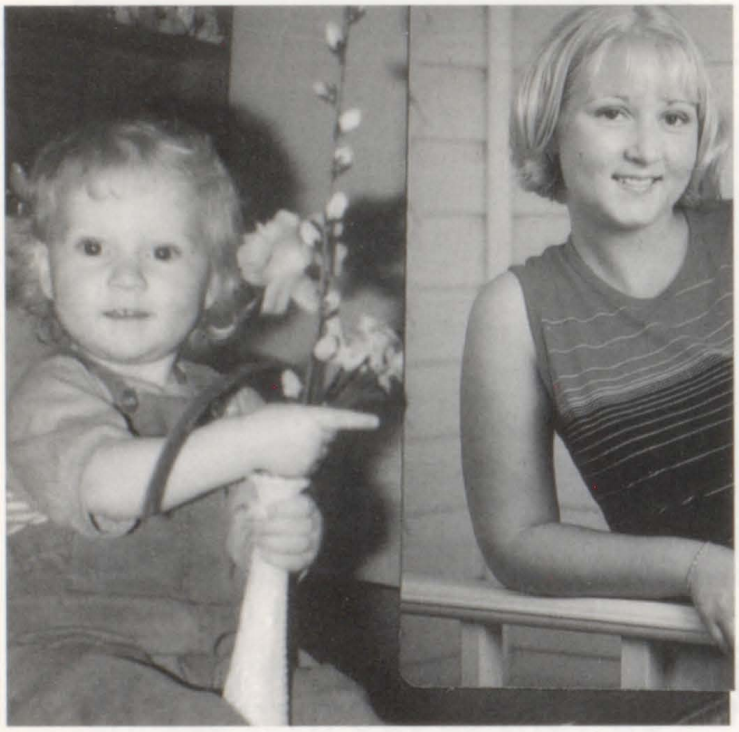

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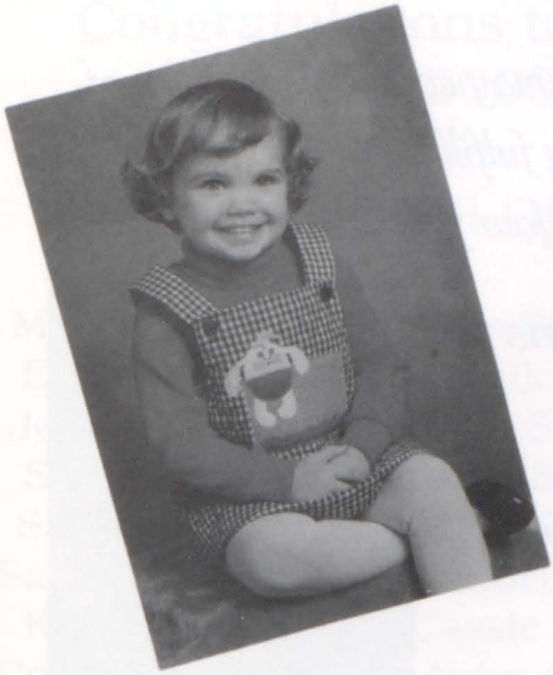

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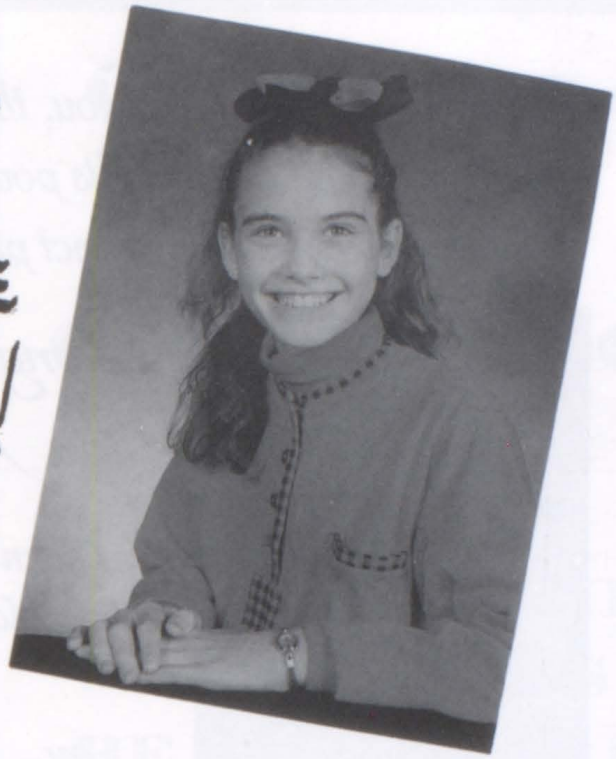

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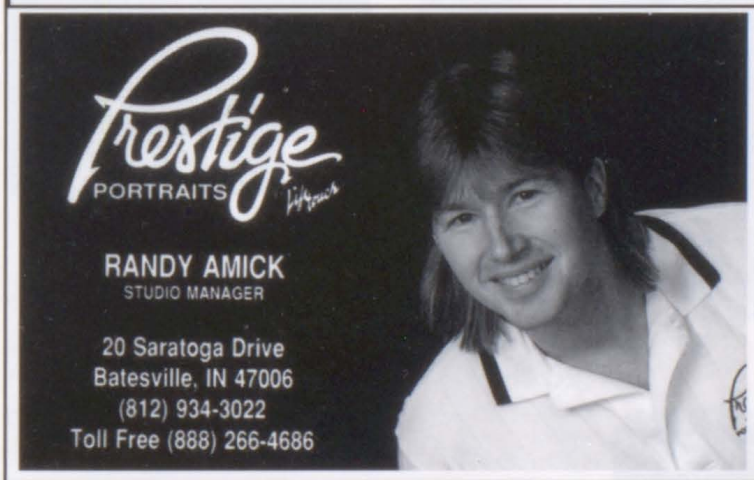

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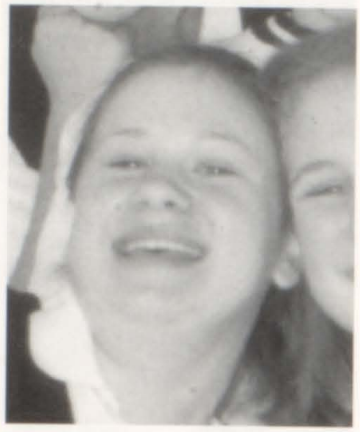

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The Editor's Last Words....

Whoo! Finally the day has come that you and I have been waiting for- OK so maybe it makes me a little happier to have the yearbook finished than it does you, but, hey, what can you expect?

Timeless hours were spent by many people after school, weekends, and, yes, even during Christmas and Spring Breaks, but I think it was worth it. This is the biggest project that I have ever managed, but with a super senior staff and other class editors it made my job A LOT easier.

I'd like to give a big "THANK YOU" to Miss Obermeyer for helping me out with everything and Debbie Nelson (A.K.A. "The Yearbook Lady") who made numerous trips from Indy to tell me why countless things were going wrong with printing, saving, etc, etc. Also to Randy Amick and Emily Honnert who are the reasons we had pictures that didn't end up blurry, unlike my futile attempts at photography. And finally to the other OA students who helped me with many pages I could not have done myself. You know who you are!

I hope you find this yearbook great, outstanding, superb, or, well, at least good.

Your totally exhausted, but ever diligent editor,

Kristie Giesting

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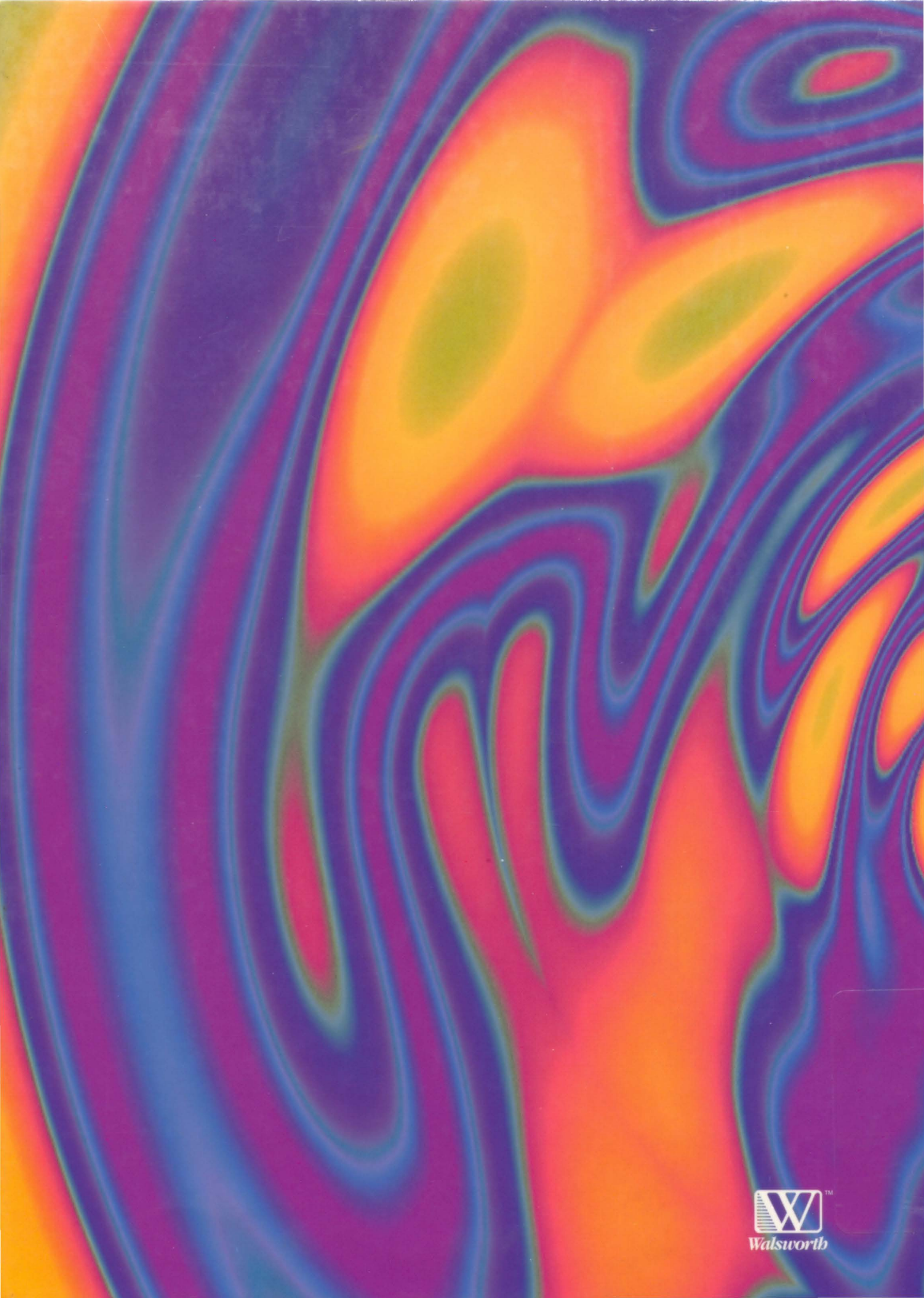

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